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## Town Officers—1925

## Selectmen

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN, Chairman  
FRANK G. ROGERS      CHARLES A. CALLAHAN

## Assessors

DANIEL V. FOGARTY, Chairman	Term expires 1927
CHARLES E. FULLER	Term expires 1926
HENRY L. HOLDEN	Term expires 1928

## Overseers of the Poor

PATRICK H. McKELLIGOTT,	Term expires 1926
Chairman	
CHARLES GIROUX M. D.	Term expires 1927
THOMAS W. MANSFIELD	Term expires 1928

Town Clerk

ROBERT L. McDONALD Term expires 1926  
(Appointed to fill vacancy caused by death of  
John F. Foley)

Town Treasurer, 1 Year

ROBERT L. McDONALD

## Collector of Taxes, 1 Year

JOHN T. BROWN

## Road Commissioners

THOMAS J. MORAN, Chairman	Term expires 1928
CHARLES A. TABOR (Resigned)	Term expires 1927
JOHN J. CONWAY	Term expires 1926

## License Commissioners

OSCAR BRESSETTE      MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN  
NEIL McDONALD

**Auditors**

FRANCIS C. HORGAN                      HOWARD S. CURTIS  
ROBERT J. WILDER

**Constables**

MICHAEL COLLINS                      BURT S. COLLIS  
JAMES H. MacGEACHEY              DAVID RITCHIE  
LOUIS N. PERO

**Tree Warden**

JAMES H. MacGEACHEY

**Fence Viewers**

LOUIS G. BARKER                      P. M. SHEARER

**Field Drivers**

M. SCOTT FRENCH                      SIMEON H. DUPUIS

**School Committee**

GEORGE A. MOORE, Chairman,	
(Appointed)	Term expires 1926
JOHN F. ROCHE, D. D. S.	Term expires 1927
CHARLES GIROUX, M. D.	Term expires 1926
ROBERT E. FAULKNER,	
(Appointed)	Term expires 1926
JOHN F. SHEA	Term expires 1928
JEREMIAH J. KELLY	Term expires 1928

**Board of Health**

JACOB P. SCHNEIDER, Chairman	Term expires 1928
M. WILLAM HOLDEN	Term expires 1926
WILLARD C. HITCHCOCK	Term expires 1927

**Cemetery Commissioners**

DAVID L. BODFISH	Term expires 1926
ALBERT S. GEER	Term expires 1927
ALDEN P. KNOWLTON	Term expires 1928

# Town Clerk's Report

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RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1925

Number of Births,	299
Deaths,	123
Marriages,	104
Chattel Mortgages,	18
Discharge of Mortgages,	7

## DOGS

Total Number,	570
Males and spayed females	497
Females,	73
Paid County Treasurer,	\$1,245.00

ROBERT L. McDONALD,

Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that these records should be correct. If any errors or ommissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should also know that a proper return of Birth is made, as it may be of great importance in after life.

## BIRTHS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
January		
1	Doris Violet Santucci,	Frank and Josephine
2	Leo Edward Bruyett,	Ira and Eva G.



DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
6	Celia Wanda Giza,	Frank and Cora
7	Mary Lesta Borgerson,	Charles and Clara
9	Anna Elizabeth Chatterton,	Douglas H. and Margaret
10	Carol Barber	Howard P and Flora
11	Calvin Frank Brown,	Yale H. and Mildred
11	Edna Stanislaw Kulis,	William and Josephine
11	Joan Haley,	Frank B. and Pearl
12	_____	_____
12	Genovefa Wawzonek,	Wladyslaw and Balbina
13	Mari Anna Boreyczka,	Stanislaus and Julia
14	Marie T. L. Dupuis,	Emilien E. and Eleonore
14	Edward Joseph Majk,	Peter and Maryanna
16	Catherine Ditto,	Peter and Eva
17	Gilbert Carter Bell,	Gilbert and Nancy
17	_____	_____
18	Ethel Mae Ellis,	Harry T. and Gladys
19	Clothilda Suzanna Pobiego,	John and Josephine
20	Irene May Mayor,	George E. and Bertha
20	John Antoine Skowronek,	Gabriel and Wiktoria
23	Jean Adele Clark,	Marshall A. and Mildred
23	Gordon Ellsworth Wickman,	Carl and Mildred
24	Emilia Wojneslowicz,	Michael and Mary
24	Clement LeRoy Rogers,	George L. and Blanche
25	Ruth Stella Petrachewicz,	William and Josephine
25	Lester Henry Kenyon,	Everet C. and Ethel M.
30	Blanche Masterlerz,	John and Franciszka
31	Richard Nelson Chouinard,	Leo and Ella

## February

4	Richard Booth Lefevre,	Romeo G. and Fanny L.
8	Edward Sakowski,	Stanislaw and Stanislaw
8	Joseph Swiderski,	Jan and Mary
9	Adolph Oleander,	Stanley and Katy
9	Robert Leroy Russell,	Robert and Oleana
9	Joseph Lavienski,	Jan and Apolonia
10	Marie B. D. Turcotte,	Lambert and Edna
11	_____	_____
11	Grace Agnes Felton,	Charles D. and Annie
14	Arthur Angelos Theodpre,	Peter and Mary
14	Mae Parsons,	Merton R. and Eva
15	William Francis Bigda,	Anthony and Victoria



DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
15	Beverly Sottak,	Paul and Viola
16	Florence Zahara,	John and Mary
18	Fred Karnyk,	Joseph and Annie
19	Mary Lucy McDonald,	Frank E. and Ruth
20	_____	_____
20	Edwina Stella Shura,	Maciej and Azdina
20	Frances John Yascemski,	John and Josephine
20	Cora Harriet Richards	Leo and Cora
22	Manie Gula,	Stanislaw and Zofia
23	Salvador Salgado,	Paul and Maria
23	Robert L. Ellsworth,	Harold S. and Dorothy

## March

1	Daisy Collins,	Robert and Helen M.
2	Carmino Verlotta,	Nicholas and Conchetti
2	Genovefa Wengierck,	John and Katarzyna
6	Alfred Rene Bonneville,	Alfred and Zepherina
9	Coronata Franciska Kajka	Aleksender and Rose
15	Shirley Aida Drucker	Leo and Gertrude
15	William Brouillette,	Edward A. and Clyde L.
16	Kenneth Charles Sherman,	Charles F. and Rena
18	Ruth Gertrude Hall,	Roy and Rachael
18	Bernard Richard LeBlanc,	Ovila and Dora
19	Robert E. Fay,	Erwin E. and Nettie
19	Mildred Louise Levine,	Arthur and Emma
21	Frank Banach,	Franciszek and Marya
21	Sofia Padykula,	Albert and Ksawera
22	Wadyslawa Kozel,	Stanley and Julia
23	_____	_____
24	Louis Szostek,	Albert and Bridget
30	_____	_____

## April

1	Robert Walter Ross,	Albert and Dorris
1	Raymond Paquette	Arsene and Ora
1	Grace Jean Holcomb,	Ernest and Velma
2	Sophie Kos,	John and Katherine
4	Jennie Parda	Stanley and Mary
5	Frances May Jones	Oscar K. and Marion L.
6	Ignacy Walter Pytka,	Ignacy and Elenora

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
7	Agneska Trezienski,	Ignacy and Mary
7	Robert Horace Stearns,	Horace and Ruth
8	Donald Edward Geer,	Everett A. and Alice E.
9	Jennie Ruska,	Isidor and Theophila
10	Raymond Edmund Libera,	Anthony and Katarzyna
10	William Mulvey,	James H. and Sadie
11	_____	_____
11	Raymond Laviolette,	Napoleon and Albertine
11	Annie Fijol,	Joseph and Josephine
12	Constance Caroline Guerin,	Edmund L. and Constance
13	George Francis Riley,	James and Frances
14	Harrison Howard Payne,	Harrison H. and Lena
15	Sophie Bigda,	Lawrence and Apolonia
19	Normand John Lane	John J. and Rose
20	_____	_____
21	Betty Louis Martenson,	Albert M. and Lois M.
22	Jose Paes,	Jose and Conceiaco
24	Czeslaw Karol Pikul,	John and Bronislawa
24	Shirley Alma Jarvis,	Jerry and Ada
25	Edward Deslonchamps,	William and Yvonne
25	Wallace Roberts,	Wallace A. and Lottie M.
26	Helen Dranka,	Albert and Mary
27	Helen Mary Sullivan,	James and Esther
28	Yvette Lapointe,	Valmore and Alexina
28	Albert W. Senecal	Albert W. and Hazel
29	Carl Adrian Swanson,	John and Signe
29	Mathew Robert Sandy,	James and Mildred
30	Annie Darko,	Leslie and Anna

## May

3	Joseph Tobiasz,	Jan and Marya
5	Melvin Vitaris,	Arthur and Sarah
11	George Joseph Davis,	Joseph and Jennie
11	James Darius Royce,	James D. and Gertrude
12	Stanislaw Czapla,	Szczepan and Julia
13	Alison May Blair,	Francis C. and Elizabeth
14	Genowefa Wilczek,	Stanislaw and Katarzyna
14	Robert Leon Pincence,	Bert and Louise
15	Joseph F. P. Graveline,	Joseph and Stephanie
15	Henry Les,	Jan and Marya

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
16	Marvin Magoni,	George and Margaret
18	Ray Benjamin Kenyon,	Ray B. and Katherine
18	Irene Claudia Harper,	Alexander and Lillian
19	Albert Brodeur Moore,	Albert E. and Elmira
22	Lillian Tessie Poski,	Stanley and Annie
23	May Pauline Hale,	Forest and Clara
26	Rudolph Daniell,	Wojciech and Marya
28	Andrew Stokosa,	Andrew and Marya

## June

1	—————	—————
1	George Poulos,	George and Sophie
2	Elaine Jean Spangler,	Luther W. and Agnes
3.	John Francis Jarvis,	Frank J. and Katherine
3	Chester Zambora,	Pawell and Novalena
3	Frederick Piechota,	Joseph and Josie
3	Annie Anyplewicz,	John and Polly
3	Emond Joseph Palin	George and Eva
4	Agnes Frances Boldyga,	Julian and Mary
4	June Elizabeth Kenney,	Harold and Dora
5	Eunice Marie Brown,	Kenneth R. and Eva E.
5	Margaret Jean Adams,	William J. and Marion D.
7	Roseline Griffin,	John F. and Julia
13	Ceslawa Kowalczyk,	Boleslaw and Stanislaw
15	Alice Margaret Keith,	Theodore and Ella
16	Dona Duane Pike,	Merle and Gladys
16	Charles Francis Norcross,	Andrew and Clara
16	Henry Edwin Johnson,	Herbert E. and Anna
17	Joseph Brozek,	Simon and Honorata
17	Helen Wegrzyn,	Jan and Karolina
18	Grace Mary Deltour,	Joseph and Aurelia
19	Arthur John Boyer,	Arthur N. and Daisy
21	Mary Anna Zabka,	Karzymir and Marya
21	May Viola Gill,	Charles and May V.
22	Joseph G. A. Authier,	Eugene and Clara
22	Mary Jennie Lukaszkiez,	Peter and Agnes
25	William Clifford Sheldon,	William C. and Vera
25	Bernard Liroux,	Alfred and Mida
25	Shirley Rebecca Ecker,	J. Maxwell and Miriam
25	Jennie Zembieski,	Jakub and Marya

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
26	Georgia Pappas,	James A. and Sophie
26	Walter M. Krawiec,	Andrew and Katarzyna
27	Alfred N. Cowee,	Clifton E. and Katherine M.
28	Irene Witkowski,	Michael and Marya

## July

1	Alphee J. Ouimette,	Alphee J. and Mary L.
3	Thomas Cascella,	Dominic and Sofia
3	Monika Zieminski,	Lawrence and Karolina
4	Charles Burns McDonald,	Neil and Anna
6	Helen Jorczak,	Joseph and Magdalena
10	Emile Bengle,	Emile and Elsie
11	Raymond Henry Fredette,	Clarence H. and Marie A.
12	Joseph Orluk,	Alexander and Helen
15	Albert Henry Law,	Albert E. and Rhoda
16	Lucy Marion Valdrow,	William L. and Locadia
16	Cormela Sullo,	Angelo and Mary
16	Carmelo Sullo,	Angelo and Mary
18	Doris May Alex,	Michael and Florence
21	William John Harrington,	Daniel W. and Mary
22	Isabelle Diane Bousquet,	Noe and Marie A.
23	John Drunka,	Andrew and Katarzyna
26	Lester Dion,	John B. and Marie
27	David Richard Thomas,	Rhune H. and Blanche A.
29	Veronica Irene Bernat,	John and Karolina
29	Dolina Margaret McDonald,	Donald and Mary
30	Ludwik Zieminski,	Ignacy and Julia
30	Arthur Roland Ely,	Jesse K. and Charity
31	Irene Starsak,	Michael and Agnes
31	Clifford L. Ellithrope,	Clifford L. and Marguerite

## August

1	_____	_____
1	Jennie Zadroga,	Frank and Rozalia
4	Lois Ann Fish,	Frederick L. and Harriet
5	Chester Frank Mrocza,	John and Mary
7	Katarzyna Zagranaczny,	Francisek and Nellie
9	Monna Elizabeth Dingman,	Charles F. and Monna G.
9	Stanley Slam,	Frank and Francis

## DATE NAME OF CHILD

## NAME OF PARENTS

10 Dorothy Mae Kenyon,  
 10 Dorothy Elizabeth Blanchard,  
 17 Gertrude Bukowski,  
 21 Henry Wyrobek,  
 23 Clifford Donald Bowler,  
 23 Sophie Wojtowicz,  
 23 Richard Arthur Creamer,  
 23 Marie Paula Gobielle,  
 24 Clarence Hough,  
 25 Harry Tsacnaris,  
 26 David Lyon Marcy,  
 27 Stanislaw Duda,  
 29 Mary Louise Broga,  
 30 Jennie Lapa,  
 31 Tadasz Chudy,

Charles and Pearl E.  
 Edward R. and Rachael L.  
 Walter and Julia  
 Wecenty and Caroline  
 Thomas P. and Mae  
 Frank and Julia  
 Richard A. and Myrtie E.  
 George and Bella  
 Samuel and Esther  
 John and Anna  
 Lewis E. and Doris  
 Peter and Katarzyna  
 Harry P. and Doris  
 Joseph and Agnes  
 Frank and Victoria

## September

1 Janette Frances Goodreau,  
 2 John Lasota,  
 3 Helen Opelewski,  
 3 Doris Rivers,  
 5 Barbara Elaine Marcy,  
 6 Edwin Izyk,  
 9 Anthony Gigliotti,  
 9 Vittori Gigliotti,  
 10 Robert Marcil Henrichon,  
 11 Margaret Jenny Brown,  
 16 Stanton Avery Geer,  
 16 Charlotte Johnson,  
 19 Jozefa Szlosek,  
 19 Gertrude Mae White,  
 20 Lelia Barton,  
 22 Zofia Demkowski,  
 23 Alfred Joseph Lord,  
 23 Richard Kivonian,  
 28 James Huges Ducey,  
 28 Glenrose Marie Ducey,  
 24 Charles Justin Kenyon, Jr.  
 29 Leonard Madelle,  
 29 Ida Muriel Winer,

Joseph P. and Aurore  
 Lawrence and Mary  
 Joseph and Josie  
 Romeo and Geneva  
 Arthur R. and Effie  
 Wladyslaw and Julia  
 Luigi and Mary  
 Luigi and Mary  
 Ernest D. and Nora  
 Ned F. and Catherine  
 Robert L. and Natalie  
 Linwood H. and Emma A.  
 Wladyslaw and Katarzyna  
 Clifford and Gertrude  
 E. Robert and Lelia  
 Franciszek and Mary  
 Alfred and Florence  
 Zadig and Anna  
 Edward J. and Josephine  
 Edward J. and Josephine  
 Charles J. and Margaret  
 William and Antoinette  
 Joseph and Emma

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
30 October	Bertha Broton,	Adam and Marya
1	Cecilia Bubone,	Wojciec and Bronislawa
1	Gordon Douglas McKenzie,	David H. and Ruth P.
2	Constance Loraine Gelinas,	David and Antionette
4	Edwin Emerson Ducey,	Robert and Florence
7	Edmund Sabastian Kwasniewoski,	Andrew and Bronislawa
8	Julia Kargul,	Frank and Katy
8	Carolyn Blank,	Ludwig J. and Josephine
8	Miles Henry Frew,	Bernard and Grace
9	Felicia Kowalczyk,	Frank and Anna
9	Irwin Midura,	John and Apolina
9	Mary Midura,	John and Apolina
10	— — — — —	— — — — —
11	Catherine Potyrala,	Michael and Bertha
11	— — — — —	— — — — —
12	Leresa Kolodziejczyk,	Andrew and Ruth
12	Richard Alfred Branford,	George S. and Grace
12	Reta May Griffin,	Milton G. and Margaret
13	Margaret Elizabeth Banks,	William and Mary
13	James Patrick Kelley,	John P. and Ida
16	Rose Marie Stablin,	John and Anna
22	John Shea,	Daniel and Marguerite
22	Michael Shea,	Daniel and Marguerite
23	Nettie Emma Tucker,	George O. and Myrtle
28	Kathryn Bulkowski,	Walter and Mary
28	Madeleine Rose Bowler,	Michael P. and Lucy
November		
1	Joseph N. A. Paquette,	Aurelien and Beatrice
1	Marie Anna Lizak,	Franciszek and Anna
1	Peter Misiaszek,	Felix and Kathryn
2	Edward Lampert,	Max and Esther
3	Royal James Rounds,	Royal and Pearl
5	Rudolph E. Kivior,	Jacob and Grace
6	Charlotte Marie Welch,	Leroy and Ellen C.
7	Marie Evelyn Rollett,	Louis F. and Evelyn
8	Guy Palmire,	Michael and Geneva C.
8	Marie Therese Rita Fortier,	Arthur and Beatrice
8	Katherine Kapidin,	Samuel and Julia
10	Manog Pastoogian,	Donabed and Mary



## DATE NAME OF CHILD

11 Paul Brown,  
 12 Imogene Clare Brothers,  
 12 Albert Woodrow Brown,  
 13 Robert McKee,  
 15 Mary Carter,  
 15 Myles Martin Wakefield,  
 15 Richard Irvin Wakefield,  
 19 Catherine Belisle,  
 21 Mary Noga,  
 22 Anna Cecilia Yasak,  
 22 Mary Stella Golas,  
 23 Unis Gladys Berry,  
 25 Angella Doris Caouette,  
 27 Joseph Viere  
 28 Adeline Virginia Smith,  
 29 Ronald Stanley Orme,  
 30 Gordon Wallace Hackett,  
 30 James Edwin Dupee,

## NAME OF PARENTS

John T. and Gertrude M.  
 Ector and Marie  
 Thomas J. and Minnie  
 Thomas W. and Margaret  
 James and Marguerite  
 Ervin and Beulah  
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 David and Catherine  
 Leon and Waleria  
 Stanislaw and Marya  
 Franciszek and Theophila  
 James and Manie  
 Alexander and Albertine  
 Manuel and Victoria  
 Franklin P. and Bertha  
 Harold E. and Martha  
 Guy W. and Florence  
 Clarence and Annabelle

## December

3 Frank Pilch,  
 4 Mary Zofie Kolas,  
 8 Doris Hoffey,  
 9 Richard Bernard Fredette,  
 12 William E. Archambault,  
 14 Hendryk Szelerwiki,  
 14 Loise May Laforest,  
 17 Alice Motyka,  
 18 Rita Emma Riel,  
 18 Nellie E. Mansfield,  
 20 Maude Ellen Booth,  
 25 Margaret Irwin Canning,  
 28 Robert Jordan Galliher,  
 29 Frydryk Zieborowski,  
 29 Joseph Gryszowka,  
 29 Norman Charles Philibotte,  
 31 Dorin Lester Raymond,

Martin and Jadwiga  
 Joseph and Rose  
 Albert and Mary  
 Andre and Adelle  
 William E. and Eva  
 Jozef and Katarzyna  
 Francis J. and Vernice A.  
 George and Nellie  
 Julian and Lena  
 Charles A. and Mabel E.  
 Howard and Alice  
 Ralph E. and Margaret E.  
 Frank and Marian  
 Stanislaw and Anna  
 Jan and Josephine  
 Louis C. and Louise E.  
 Frederick and Flora



## MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
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## January

1	Howard W. Moore,	Springfield	Jessie A. Smith,	Monson
3	Floyd Braley, Grafton N. H.		Beatrice Grondine,	Palmer
11	William L. Valdrow,	Palmer	Leocadie V. Brown,	Palmer
12	Alonzo Chaples,	Palmer	A. Loretta Killigrew,	Palmer
12	Michael Poterala,	Palmer	Bronislawa Wozniak,	Palmer
13	Samuel Winer,	Palmer	Mennie Goldshor,	Springfield
14	Earl J. Douty,	Palmer	Katherine Bardwell,	Whately
20	Stanley F. Zuhoskey,	Palmer	Bertha Lesniak,	Palmer
24	Royal L. Rounds,	Monson	Margaret McNamara,	Palmer
24	John Maynard,	Palmer	Grace Clark,	Palmer
26	Adam Karlon,	Palmer	Josepha Gwozdz,	Palmer
31	Ernest H. Porter,	Palmer	Martha A. Collins,	Palmer

## February

14	Joseph A. Mitayer,	Wilbraham	Mildred A. Decorsi,	Wilbraham
16	Charles E. Dufresne,	Worcester	Mary E. Murray,	Palmer
16	Fred Tyburski,	Palmer	Eva Swierczak,	Ware
17	Henry J. Neville,	Springfield	Nola Cavanaugh,	Palmer
17	John Polanski,	Palmer	Carolina Urban,	Ware
23	Theodore E. Keith,	Palmer	Angela Dzierlatka,	Palmer
23	Melvin A. Lyon,	Palmer	Susan T. Reid,	Maynard
23	James L. Odell,	Palmer	Albina Lanou,	Palmer
24	Roland Fountain,	Palmer	Beatrice M. Dulude,	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
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## March

2	William O. Judd,		Candace A. (Rogers) Bush,	
	Stafford, Ct.		Palmer	
7	Samuel J. Mullen,		Doris Binns,	Palmer
	Belchertown			
7	David Kulungian,	Palmer	Zevart Assarian,	Springfield
24	James M. Riley,	Palmer	Frances McDermott,	Palmer

## April

3	John David Mallon,		Lucille G. Sloan,	
	So. Manchester, Conn.		So. Manchester, Conn.	
13	Roch Faucher,	Fitchburg	Rose (Paquette) Mayo,	Palmer
17	Henry G. Wheeler,	Palmer	Grace M. (Brooks) Bouchner,	
			Palmer	
20	Alphonse Dulude,	Palmer	Eva Fortier,	Palmer
20	Camillo Muciarone,		Mary Santucci,	Palmer
	Palmer			
20	Leo Labonte,	Belchertown	Laura V. Deslaurier,	
			Belchertown	
21	Euclide Riopell,	Palmer	Ethel Sinclair,	Palmer
21	Shirley J. Allen,		Mary A. Sullivan,	Belchertown
	Canton Center, Conn.			
23	Wilfred Coutu,	Palmer	Mabel C. Edson,	Palmer
25	Milton Belcher,	Monson	Sarah (Ruddy) Hollingsworth,	
27	Raymond H. Parker,		Palmer	
	Palmer		Laura M. Chadonais,	Palmer
27	Peter J. Kapinos,		Stephanie Dernoga,	Palmer
	Enfield, Conn.			

## May

15	Roy A. Reim,	Warren	Clara Vilandre,	Easthampton
16	Harold Goodwin,	Palmer	Edna Beatrice Maguire,	
			Tampa, Florida	
18	Joseph Santucci,	Palmer	Lillian Messier,	Palmer
25	Chester Wozniakowski,			
	Palmer		Margaret Serwa,	Ware
25	Ernest Masse, Jr.,	Palmer	Edna M. Berube,	Ware
26	Joseph Lebida,			
	Belchertown		Bronisla Gwodz,	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
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## June

1	Joseph Philibotte,	Palmer	Beatrice Dinelle,	Palmer
1	Homer W. Smart,	Palmer	Florida M. Cody,	Palmer
1	Thomas P. O'Connor,	Palmer	Esther F. Hodgeman,	Palmer
1	Bernard Novak,	Palmer	Stefanie Rafanska,	Ware
1	Wincenty Pardo,	Palmer	Julianne Syper,	Belchertown
2	Wladislaw Pietrs,	Palmer	Mary Bak,	Belchertown
8	Ernest A. Marsh,	Palmer	Verelia V. Monat,	Palmer
10	Jeremiah P. Sullivan,	Belchertown	Nora A. Sullivan,	Belchertown
16	Carlos Henry Bradley,	Palmer	Dorothy Tolman,	Palmer
22	Charles E. Denning,	Palmer	Mary E. O. Bibeault,	Ware
24	Wilfred E. Sherman,	Palmer	Mildred E. Hitchcock,	Brimfield
25	William G. Banks,	Palmer	Mary L. Diggins,	Amherst
30	Michael T. Cavanaugh,	Palmer	Mary T. Cahill,	Fall River

## July

6	Paul G. Balling,	Richmond, Ind.	Myra West,	Palmer
13	Charles Wood,	Palmer	Mary (Giboleau) Goulet,	Palmer
14	William A. Mumford,	Palmer	Marguerite C. Farrelly,	Palmer
20	Stanislaus Szlachetka,	New Britain, Conn.	Josepha Zaborowska,	Palmer
27	William A. Morrison,	Palmer	Mary McKee,	Palmer
27	Howard R. Stone,	Palmer	Dora Lafond,	Palmer

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## August

3	Joseph Henri O. Brochu,	Ware	Marie B. Belisle,	Palmer
3	Valmore A. LaRiviere,	Springfield	Emma Chabot,	Palmer
5	Victor Defoe,	Monson	Mary Molloy,	Palmer
11	Francis Kuruc,	Warren	Agnes Chmura,	Palmer
12	Walter Noiles,	Ware	Jennie Adams,	Palmer
15	Harry O. Tucker,	Palmer	Alexena F. Lander,	Monson
15	Joseph E. Wilder,	Palmer	Emily McCollom,	Palmer
20	Ralph Silas Peterson,	Granville	Mary Rasmussen,	Westfield
27	Daniel Haley,	Palmer	Annie (Prendergast) Janes,	Ludlow
30	George Peter Angelos,	Palmer	Georgoa B. Candeaus,	Fitchburg
31	Stanislaus Kapinos,	Palmer	Mary Motyka,	Palmer

## September

1	William V. Costello,	Palmer	Anna A. Sullivan,	Belchertown
1	Perley J. Wells,	Palmer	Mildred L. Hoarle,	Palmer
7	Joseph Kaspon,	Warren	Anna Topor,	Palmer
7	John J. Brazell,	Gardner	Elizabeth C. Sullivan,	Palmer
9	John E. Stone,	Wilbraham	Marion E. (Corey) Wheeler,	Wilbraham
12	Felix L. Papillion,	Ware	Emma L. Disley,	Palmer
21	William J. Birmingham	Palmer	Marie E. Duhamel,	Wilbraham

## October

5	Albert Garant	Taunton	Eva Chabot,	Palmer
5	Leo Goodreau,	Palmer	Caroline A. Vincent,	Springfield
5	Joseph Socha, Norwich, Ct.		Victrola Trela,	Palmer
5	Anthony Bernat,	Palmer	Julia Misiasek,	Palmer
7	Cornelius D. Harrington, Jr.		Rose Agnes Connelly,	No. Brookfield
		Palmer		
9	Irwin Hayes,	Monson	Viola Collins,	Palmer
9	William S. Moir,		Catherine Campbell,	Palmer
		Lorrain, Ohio		
18	Mahabed Nahabedian,		Horopsima Haigian,	Watertown
		Palmer		
22	Robert J. Hesse,		Margaret Rogers,	Rutland Vt.
		Rutland, Vt.		
26	Alphonse Tousigna, Jr.,		Angelia Berthiaum,	Warren
		Palmer		
27	Joseph J. Strycharz,		Pauline Lesniak,	Palmer
		Chicopee		

## November

3	Adam Wasala,	Palmer	Josie Wywiorska,	Springfield
7	Raymond R. Brown,	Palmer	Mary C. Polak,	Belchertown
9	Harold J. Murphy		Mary E. Tupper	
		No. Wilbraham		No. Wilbraham
11	Leon Allen Rath,	Monson	Vera (Collins) LaPine,	Palmer
12	Pieere Gauthier,	Ludlow	Myrtle Ann Walder,	Palmer
21	William Paul Barcome,		Dorothy Gladys Brooks,	
		Wilbraham		Palmer
23	Stanislaus Salamon,		Mary Kowal,	Palmer
		Palmer		
23	Joseph P. Scrima,	Monson	Henryetta Russo,	Palmer
26	Frank Archidiacono,		Lucy Costa,	Palmer
		Palmer		
26	Raymond Earl Root,		Nellie May Heffernan,	Monson
		Palmer		

## December

5	John Derderian,	Palmer	Besag (Papasian) Karnaguerian	Watertown
26	Walter Galipault,	Colrain	Gladys I. Wakefield,	Palmer
29	Elmer J. Duncan,	Spencer	Geneveive E. Butler,	
				Wilbraham

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1925

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
January				
2	Peter Stepnosky,	38	6	10
8	Malvina Pimpare,	61	6	0
12	still born,			
14	Miczyslaw Kuznia,	8	5	0
17	still born			
23	Esther Trembley,	79	11	29
February				
1	Mary Bradley,	62	1	7
1	Harriet A. Whitcomb,	75	3	0
7	Joseph Fenton,	74	5	11
8	Joseph Swidaski,		15	minutes
9	Joseph Lamienski,		15	minutes
13	Hermina Webber,	26	5	5
15	Julia Hurley,	55	10	29
15	Wladyslaw Szumiel,	0	10	27
18	Shelia K. Haley,	0	2	0
21	Michael Healey,	52	0	0
22	Jan Czechowski,	44	0	0
24	Andrew Zolabek,	0	2	26
25	Robert L. Ellsworth,	0	0	3
28	William F. Dunn,	62	7	0
March				
3	Frank S. Bearse,	78	6	11
6	Emma M. Ramsden,	48	0	0
7	Joseph Bauchmin,	88	3	9
10	Carrie E. Royce	65	1	23
12	Francis D. Barton,	70	7	18
18	Evonne Charbonneau,	28	0	0
22	John W. Millerick,	55	8	18



Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
22	Magloire Lafond,	90	7	28
23	Adolph C. Orlander,	0	1	11
24	Elenora Topor,	1	4	26
24	Julia Lynch,	69	4	0
27	Maria J. O'Neil,	85	0	0
30	Still born			

## April

8	Robert H. Stearns,	0	0	2
11	still born			
11	John M. Daley,	26	7	4
15	Olivia L. Morgan,	70	0	0
15	Jan Kramasz,	36	11	7
16	Charles F. Rogers,	68	5	12
18	Chester E. Prevost,	18	11	12
20	still born			
23	Margaret Hennebery,	60	0	0
25	Sophia Mendoloska,	49	0	0
28	Robert Senecal,		12 hours	

## May

1	Anthony Limny,	20	4	1
3	Joseph Tobesz,		2 hours	
5	Tekla Koziol,	35	1	23
7	Delina Palin,	68	1	3
11	Nellie Godek,	29	7	1
15	Elmira Mayotte,	65	9	19
19	Eugene J. Foskit	55	0	27
19	Elmira I. Moore,	22	5	6
27	Walerya Bigda,	5	8	7
28	Robert Yascemenski,	0	9	9
31	Susan Herran,	73	3	6
31	Lucy Fountain	49	10	15



Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
June				
6	Morris B. Flaherty,	44	10	0
7	John F. Jarvis,	0	0	4
11	Rachel Hall,	71	10	18
20	Sarah Laplant,	84	5	21
22	Genoefa Ukasieurcz,			5 hours
27	Alfred N. Cowee,			4 hours
28	Isabelle M. Fish,	74	5	27
July				
1	Alphee Ouimette,			5 hours
2	William D. Collins,	67	0	0
4	Katherine M. Lutz,	59	5	9
5	Mary Novak,	49	11	14
14	Peter C. Senecal,	65	6	19
17	Yeronun Nasicki,	39	7	0
19	Orilla Daudelin,	48	0	0
21	Janina Roszka,	0	4	12
20	Julia F. McKendrick,	82	10	9
29	Alexander Riopelle,	64	3	0
31	Moses Beaulieu,	47	1	14
August				
1	still born			
2	Arthur M. Billings,	69	6	29
10	Romauld J. Guerin,	22	6	4
11	Georgianna Labell,	77	3	0
14	Frances Slam,	26	0	0
17	John A. Doherty,	74	0	0
21	James J. Todd,	78	1	23
24	Thomas F. Johnson,	66	7	2
25	Stanly Slam,	0	0	16
September				
8	Rebecca A. Palmer,	76	1	26
10	Ludwik Nietupski,	41	9	0
13	Theophilus Palin,	66	0	0
23	Euince M. Shea,	0	8	24
28	Amanda D. Brickett,	97	1	12
29	Margaret E. Kenyon,	28	1	2
30	Almenia M. Hastings,	79	1	12

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
October				
3	Elizabeth Herran,	53	10	0
3	Armand Nadeau,	21	8	2
7	Patrick J. Ronan,	80	6	28
9	Elmire I. Reed,	4	10	15
9	still born			
9	Wealthy F. Smith,	87	11	28
9	Dorothy May Roberts,	10	11	14
10	still born			
11	Anna Namura,	37	0	0
11	John Szpis,	33	9	29
11	still born			
16	Julia Lusty,	24	8	18
19	Andrew Fifer,	32	8	4
23	Georgiana Lavigne,	63	0	0
28	Glenrose Marie Ducey,			3 hours
28	James Hughes Ducey,			5 hours
30	John M. Houck,	65	8	14
31	Susan Lavelle,	86	2	16
November				
2	John Edward Hurley,	30	7	8
3	John Francis Foley,	64	8	26
9	Claire Dorothy Hartnett,	—	9	17
18	Emma Yargeau,	35	—	—
27	Joseph Viere,			7½ hours
27	Adelaide Ouimette,	7	11	12
27	Lavinia Ellen Carpenter,	78	9	8
December				
3	Christopher M. Robbins,	76	2	12
19	Eleanor Elizabeth Magee,	1	0	6
21	Mary Rita Emma Riel,	0	0	3
22	Robert A. Huggard,	36	1	19
28	Charles J. King,	51	0	4
28	Philomene Tracy,	85	—	—

# Town Bookkeeper's Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Palmer, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1925.

## RECEIPTS

### TAXES

#### Current Year:

Poll,	\$ 5,412.00	
Personal,	91,732.58	
Real Estate,	185,329.33	
Street Sprinkling,	772.68	\$283,246.59

#### Previous Years:

Poll,	259.86	
Personal,	7,186.76	
Real Estate,	26,553.13	
Street Sprinkling,	8.43	

Received from Bonding Co.

in settlement of J. A.

Hawkes' Taxes for

years of 1913-1915,

1916 and 1917.                      2,150.00                      36,158.18

#### From State,

Corp. Tax, Public Service	5,833.22		
Corp. Tax, Business,	39,749.44		
Income Tax,	35,379.56		
National Bank Tax,	707.07	81,669.29	401,074.06

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

Junk,	210.00		
Peddlers,	45.00		
Sunday,	110.00		
Pool, Billiard and Bowling,	94.00		
Garages, Auto and Agents,	16.00		
All Other	110.00	585.00	585.00

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## FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines,	350.98	350.98	350.98
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS

Dog Licenses,	987.27	987.27	987.27
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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Town Farm:			
Damage to Railing,	5.50		
Fires Outside District,	11.00	16.50	16.50

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## HEALTH

Health:			
Tuberculosis,	94.00		
Fumigating,	1.25	95.25	
Licenses:			
Alcohol,	15.00		
Druggist,	3.00		
Undertakers,	2.00		
Milk and Oleomargarine,	60.00		
Bottling,	15.00	95.00	190.25

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## HIGHWAYS

Sewer Permits,	475.00		
Sale of Old Material,	33.30		
Paving on Main St. Three Rivers,	556.77		
Bridge Repairs,	203.70		
Sidewalks and Curbing,	2,346.68		
Railing Repairs,	6.59		
Use of Watering Cart,	50.00	3,672.04	3,672.04

## CHARITIES

## Town Farm:

Sale of Produce,	1,697.73		
Sale of Stock,	27.00		
Sale of Wood,	249.00		
Board of Inmates,	1,296.20	3,269.93	

## Reimbursements:

State,	1,408.75		
Other Cities,	40.00		
Individuals,	56.25		
State Aid,	216.00	1,721.00	4,990.93

## EDUCATION

Tuition,	7,280.36		
English Speaking Class,	991.24		
Rent,	268.25		
Sale of Books and Supplies,	55.80	8,595.65	8,595.65

## CEMETERY

Sale of Lots,	190.00		
Care of Lots,	1,334.98		
Grading,	124.30		
Opening,	384.00		
Foundations,	213.20	2,246.48	2,246.48

## INTEREST

On Deposits,	1,441.63		
On Taxes,	1,316.29		
On Perpetual Care Funds,	733.53		
On Merrick Fund,	38.26		
On Thompson Fund,	42.80	3,572.51	3,572.51

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Taxes,	225,000.00
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## AGENCY AND TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	1,100.00
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## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Highway Dept.,	175.15		
Poor Dept.,	71.51		
School Dept.,	69.46		
Loss of Taxes,	77.87	393.99	393.99
Total Receipts			\$652,775.66
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925			130,137.82
			<hr/> \$782,913.48

## PAYMENTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Appropriations and Reserve Fund	Amount Expended	Balance
Selectmen :			
Salaries,	750.00	750.00	
Other Expenses :	500.00		
Printing and Advertising,		76.21	
Carfare, Teams etc.,		63.00	
Supplies,		11.81	
Telephone,		111.28	
Sundry Items,		103.95	133.75
• Selectmen's Contingent,	1,000.00		
Reserve Fund for Census	637.00		
Taking Census,		647.00	
Town House,		248.08	
Town Dump,		329.50	
Fires Outside District,		389.70	
Repairs at Engine House,		150.84	
Repairs at Library Building,		166.84	
Parking Signs,		187.89	
Street Marking,		311.80	
Insurance,		312.49	

Expenses of Committee			
of Fifteen,		106.00	
Printing Town Bonds,		41.55	
Sundry Items,		89.91	-1,244.60

Auditing and Accounting:	1,290.00		
Auditing 1924 Acct. Balance	90.00	90.00	
Accounting,		1,200.00	90.00

## Treasury:

Salary,	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Bond and Other Expenses,	325.00		
Surety Bond,		125.00	
Supplies,		45.76	
Stamps,		40.00	
Printing Bonds,		20.00	94.24

## Collector:

Salary, Bal. on 1921-1922			
Salary, Bal. on 1923-24	430.00	430.00	
Salary on 1925	1,200.00	900.00	300.00
Bond and Other Expenses,	500.00		
Bond,		200.00	
Insurance,		46.88	
Stationery and Postage,		133.02	
Telephone,		22.34	
Supplies,		16.19	
Printing and Advertising,		77.18	4.39

## Assessors':

Salary,	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Clerical Work,	450.00	450.00	
Other Expenses,	450.00		
Intrepreters,		48.00	
Stationery and Postage,		10.13	
Printing and Adv.,		595.38	
Carfare and Auto Hire,		185.73	
Telephones,		28.30	132.46



License Commissioners :	25.00		
Printing,		15.00	
Clerical Work,		5.00	5.00
Law and Claims,	1,500.00		
Town Council,		500.00	
Claims,		480.00	
Recording,		2.80	517.20
Town Clerk :			
Salary,	450.00	450.00	
Other Expenses,	100.00		
Printing and Postage,		21.50	
Telephone,		26.21	
Supplies,		10.57	41.72
Election and Registration :	600.00		
Registrars,		100.00	
Precinct Officers,		225.00	
Tellers,		25.00	
Rent,		114.00	
Printing and Adv.,		143.57	
Team and Auto hire,		34.44	
Sundry Items,		16.24	—58.25
Town Offices :	1,500.00		
Rent,		1,275.00	
Care,		290.00	
Light,		45.97	—110.97
Town Engineer :	50.00		
Salary,		50.00	
Surplus War Bonus Fund,		5,045.11	
Counsel for Swift River,	500.00	26.10	473.90
Total for General Government,		<u>\$21,063.27</u>	

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## Police:

## Salaries:

Chief of Police,	\$2,500.00	2,500.00
Deputy Chief,	2,000.00	2,000.00
Day Patrolman,	1,800.00	1,800.00
Night Police,	2,737.50	2,737.50
Special Police and Sunday Expense,	1,400.00	1,344.08

## Lockup:

Care, Rent, etc.,	1,400.00		
Reserve Fund	400.00		
Fuel,		300.00	
Rent,		1,150.00	
Care,		240.00	
Light,		44.64	
Telephone,		29.19	
Chief's Office,	250.00		
Rent,		180.00	
Light,		17.68	
Telephone,		28.31	116.10

## Suppression of Illegal Sales,

Expenses,	200.00	200.00
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## Support of District Court,

200.00	200.00
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## Fire:

## Care and Insurance

Auto Fire Truck,	275.00		
Insurance,		17.50	
Repairs,		10.00	247.50

## Sealing Weights and Measures:

Salary,	500.00	500.00	
Other Expenses,	125.00		
Sealer's Books,		29.80	
Auto Hire,		65.00	30.20

Moth:	1,300.00		
Labor,		1,144.23	
Transportation,		165.50	
Insecticides,		24.00	
Equipment,		20.45	—54.18
Tree:			
Warden,			
Wages for 1923,	100.00	100.00	
Wages for 1924,		100.00	
Expenses,	250.00		
Bill of 1924,		65.00	
Preservation,		200.00	
Hardware,		1.90	—16.90
Forest Warden:	800.00		
Labor,		816.15	
Telephone,		24.64	
Repairing,		17.67	
Sundry Item,		27.42	—85.88
Total for			
Protection of Persons and Property,		\$15,700.66	

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### CHARITIES

Salaries of Board,	455.00	455.00
Town Physician,	150.00	150.00
Clerical Work,	200.00	200.00
Contingent Fund,	500.00	
General Support of Poor,	16,000.00	
Income of Thompson Fund,	42.80	
From Reserve Fund,	1,123.63	
Town Farm:		
Warden,		1,200.00
Labor,		1,070.25
Groceries and Provisions,		634.32
Dry Goods and Clothing,		37.35
Fuel and Light,		475.66

Hay and Grain,		887.79	
Repairs and Equipment,		306.49	
Telephone,		33.53	
Fertilizer		171.20	
Sundry Items,		61.03	
Outside Poor:			
Rent,		1,410.05	
Groceries and Provisions,		6,930.23	
Board and Care,		462.12	
Coal and Wood,		889.69	
Cash,		1,443.15	
Hospital Care and Medicine,		387.50	
Burials,		87.00	
Insurance,		68.40	
Aid to Other Towns,		840.94	
Miscellaneous:			
Ledger Postage and Printing,		40.98	
Telephones,		63.59	
Sundry Items,		175.65	
Wing Memorial Hospital:			
Care and Treatment,	500.00	499.43	.57
Soldiers' Relief,		787.00	
Total for Charities,		\$19,768.35	

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### HEALTH

Health:			
Salary of Board,	175.00	175.00	
Clerical Work,	100.00	100.00	
General Expenses,	1,500.00		
Hospital Board and Treatment,		1,042.29	
Fumigation,		43.40	
Printing and Postage,		11.36	
Telephone,		24.36	
Sundry Expenses,		32.30	346.29
Vital Statistics:	700.00		
Birth,		67.25	
Deaths,		23.75	

Marriages,			609.00
Inspection :	1,000.00		
Animal,		387.30	
Meat,		168.90	
Milk,		326.15	
Equipment,		19.88	97.77
District Nurse,	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total for Health,		3,421.94	

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### HIGHWAYS

General Repairs :	\$15,175.79		
Superintendent,		782.12	
Labor,		6,619.74	
Teams,		2,269.87	
Gravel, Gas Oil etc.,		3,414.76	
Equipment and Repairs,		1,082.69	
Grain and Coal,		132.40	
Surveying,		281.50	
Freight,		194.98	
Sundry Items,		66.29	172.15
Street Sprinkling :			
Labor,		99.75	
Oil,		907.80	
Repairs,		6.00	
Removal of Snow and Ice :	2,000.00		
Superintendent,		167.35	
Labor,		736.30	
Teams,		435.58	
Equipment and Repairs,		15.06	
Oil and Gas,		133.50	
Sundry Items,		4.46	507.75
Bridge Repairs :	1,500.00		
Superintendent,		92.75	
Labor,		414.71	

Teams,		140.37	
Materials,		591.62	
Sundry Items,		9.72	250.83
Whiting Bridge:	1,300.00		
Superintendent,		59.50	
Labor,		247.73	
Teams,		96.73	
Lumber,		895.78	
Oil,		.26	
Chestnut Plank,	675.00	675.00	
Railings:	400.00		
Superintendent,		23.63	
Labor,		182.24	
Teams,		26.19	
Materials,		165.46	2.48
Church Street Article 39 "A"	14,600.00		
Superintendent,		44.63	
Labor,		499.20	
Teams,		79.72	
Trap Rock and Tar,		405.36	
Freight,		179.74	
Coal, Gas, etc.,		53.15	
Central Street Article 39 "B":			
Superintendent,		75.68	
Labor,		1,522.34	
Teams,		511.78	
Equipment and Materials,		2,203.39	
Surveying,		126.00	
Freight,		498.76	
Sundry Items,		26.50	
Contract Work on Sidewalk,		709.21	
Main Street Article 39 "C":			
Superintendent,		12.25	
Labor,		244.80	
Teams,		56.85	

Trap Rock and Oil,	475.53
Coal etc.,	20.13

## Forest Lake Road, Article 39 "E":

Superintendent,	175.00
Labor,	1,270.15
Teams,	457.09
Oil, Tarite, and Cement,	800.22
Surveying etc.,	26.07

## High Street, Article 39 "F":

Superintendent,	21.88
Labor,	331.80
Teams,	223.18
Culverts,	112.90
Gravel, Oil and Coal,	209.10

## Brown Street, Article 39 "G":

Superintendent,	14.01
Labor,	80.30
Teams,	28.87
Oil and Gravel,	49.15

## Highland Street, Article 39 "H":

Superintendent,	13.14
Labor,	84.45
Teams,	31.77
Oil and Gravel,	59.70

## Main Street, Three Rivers,

Use of Concrete Mixer,	198.38.	2,810.02
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## Main Street, Three Rivers,

Balance of 1924	
Appropriation,	12,879.11
Superintendent,	217.86
Labor,	4,051.10
Teams,	736.65
Equipment	428.97



Gravel, Tar and Lumber,	6,365.07	
Oil and Gas,	84.04	
Surveying,	593.95	
Repairs on Power,	176.15	
Police Service,	122.40	
Sundry Items,	95.12	7.80
Work of paving between rails paid for by Springfield Street Railway,	556.77	

### South Main Street, Monson Road

and Fay Bridge Contract Work,	35,000.00
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### Sidewalks and Curbing:

General Repairs,	2,400.00	
Superintendent,		28.86
Labor,		206.35
Teams,		18.68
Materials,		300.21
Sundry Items,		42.23
Contract Work,	1,925.06	—121.39
Curbing:	1,266.45	
Superintendent,		128.70
Labor,		369.33
Teams,		70.53
Curbing,		595.29
Freight,		102.60
Stone Bounds,	125.00	125.00

### East Main St., Three

Rivers, Article 37 "B":	5,505.00	
Superintendent,		9.63
Labor,		307.95
Teams,		27.52
Materials,		61.15
Contract,		229.74

### East Main Street,

Three Rivers, Art. 37 "C"		
Superintendent,		4.37
Labor,		31.00
Teams,		1.88
Contract,		434.00

Ruggles Street,		
Three Rivers, Art. 37 "D"		
Superintendent,	16.63	
Labor,	95.75	
Teams,	15.13	
Sundry Items,	12.50	
Contract,	188.93	
High Street,		
Thorndike, Art. 37 "E"		
Superintendent,	1.46	
Labor,	289.70	
Teams,	94.41	
Material,	590.81	
Freight,	74.88	
Surveying,	31.50	
High Street,		
Bondsville, Art. 37 "G"		
Labor,	32.80	
Teams,	10.00	
Contract Work,	261.25	
Brown Street,		
Palmer, Art. 37 "H"		
Surveying,	28.65	
Labor,	42.20	
Teams,	9.00	
Contract Work,	1,111.44	
Highland Street,		
Palmer, Art. 37 "I"		
Superintendent,	4.38	
Surveying,	45.25	
Labor,	215.80	
Teams,	54.87	
Materials,	245.05	
Freight,	31.80	
Contract Work,	227.61	665.96
Sewers and Culverts:	4,400.00	
Surveying,	40.00	
Superintendent,	213.49	
Labor,	2,062.68	
Teams,	250.82	
Equipment,	931.87	

Pipe and Fittings,		739.08	
Coal,		21.75	
Sundry Items,		68.08	
Contract Work,		85.64	—13.41
Belchertown Road Sewer	3,500.00		
Superintendent,		81.38	
Surveying,		117.75	
Labor,		2,118.98	
Teams,		106.08	
Tools and Equipment,		437.10	
Pipe and Fittings,		567.32	
Sundry Items,		25.11	46.31
High Street,			
Bondsville,	575.00		
Labor,		17.55	557.45
Street Lighting,	14,500.00		
		11,142.99	3,357.01
White Way Street Lighting,	5,500.00		
Contract,		5,500.00	
Damage Claims:			
South Main St., and Mon-			
son Road,	1,000.00		
Sundry Persons,		836.50	163.50
Total for Highways,		<u>\$115,448.12</u>	

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## EDUCATION

### School:

General Fund:	\$185,000.00	
Smith-Hughes Fund	292.74	
Refund	69.46	
General Expense		
Superintendent	4500.00	
Clerical Work	2408.41	
Truant Officer	56.40	

Printing Stationery and Postage	290.58
Telephone	461.62
Travelling Expenses	245.06
School Census	100.00
Sundry Items	336.56
Teacher's Salaries:	
High	19,065.04
Elementary	71,777.44
Retirement	3,180.10
Text Books and Supplies:	
High:	
Books	1,398.20
Supplies	1,427.73
Elementary:	
Books	3,591.22
Supplies	1,734.97
Transportation:	
High	4,169.45
Elementary	5,782.15
Janitor Service:	
High	2,072.64
Elementary	6,402.02
Fuel and Light:	
High	5,214.99
Elementary	10,650.93
Maintenance of Build- ings and Grounds:	
High:	
Repair	23.20
Janitor's Supplies	531.78
Other Expenses	453.68
Elementary:	
Repairs	243.02
Janitor Supplies	1,047.94
Other Expenses	879.25
Furniture and Furnishings:	
High	32.70
Elementary	1,494.89

## Other Expenses :

Tuition, High	1,284.50
Tuition, Elementary	728.00
Diplomas and Graduating Exercises :	124.33
Miscellaneous Printing	251.21
Nurse	1,399.92
Lunch Room	325.00
Insurance	533.20
Medical Instrucion	800.00
Sundry Items	1,363.17

## Music, Manual Training and

Drawing :	
Music Instructor	1,800.00
Music Books and Supplies :	446.94
Manual Traing and Drawing Instructor	1,597.00
Retirement	74.00
Manual Training	56.47
Drawing Materials	404.89
Sundry Items	134.44

## Commercial :

Teachers' Salaries	6,100.50
Retirement	257.00
Text Books	247.89
Machines	543.25
Miscellaneous Supplies	261.86

## Continuation :

Teachers	4,104.74
Retirement	133.00
Clerk	200.00
Janitor	691.00
Rent	342.00
Materials and Supplies	851.76
Transportation	374.89
Truants	36.05
Sundry Items	151.26

## Americanization :

Principal	450.00
Teachers	1,533.20
Books and Supplies	65.23
Transportation	20.00
Sundry Items	17.27

## Repairs :

## High

Carpentry and Painting	55.03
Plumbing and Electrical	
Work	317.09
Lumber	4.30

## Elementary :

Carpentry and Painting	1,541.39
Plumbing and Electrical	
Work	1,337.36
Materials	91.35
Bondsville School Wal	375.00

## Special Repairs n20.491 ,fA

Sundry Items	127.01
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Special Repairs	4,120.49	120.24
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Special Repairs on Wenimesset,	4,500.00	4,590.60	-90.00
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New High School, Balance	5,113.74	
of Appropriation		

Contract Work	4,513.49	598.25
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Three River School	3,030.86	
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Outstanding Bills of 1924	1,577.63	1,453.23
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Total for Education	\$195,925.68
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## LIBRARY

Young Men's Library Ass'n,	\$ 4,600.00	4,600.00
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## UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	200.00	162.85	37.15
Town Clock	50.00	50.00	
Printing and Distributing			
Town Reports	1,200.00	951.60	248.40



Hampden County Tubercular Hospital	1,740.64	1,740.64	
Agricultural Demonstration	500.00	500.00	
Workmens' Compensation Insurance	950.00	668.83	281.17
Total for Unclassified		\$4,073.92	

### CEMETERIES

Care and Maintenance	3,500.00		
Secretary		150.00	
Labor		2,580.98	
Teams		141.25	
Tools and Equipment		194.02	
Loan		40.50	
Shrubs, Etc.		79.20	
Telephone		13.21	
Cement		19.75	
Sundry Items		6.22	274.87
Total for Cemeteries		\$3,225.13	

### NEGLECTED GRAVES

Supervision and Labor	250.00	250.00
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### INTEREST

Temporary and General Loans:			
Anticipation of Taxes	4,000.00	2,906.42	1,093.58
Maturing Debt	13,272.50		
High School Loan		120.00	
New High School Loan		8,075.00	
Three River School		1,850.00	
Bondsville Grammar School		1,275.00	
Street Pavement Loan		935.00	

North Main Street	720.00
Concrete Bridge Loan	297.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Care Funds, (Transfer)	733.53
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Total for Interest	\$16,912.45

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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Taxes	225,000.00
High School	12,000.00
Bondsville Grammar School	2,000.00
Three Rivers School	6,000.00
Street Payment Plan	4,400.00
Highway Improvement	
Loan	2,000.00
Concrete Bridge Loan	1,400.00
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Total for Municipal Indebtedness, \$252,800.00

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## AGENCY AND TRUST

## Agency:

State Tax	27,600.00
County Tax	21,135.13
State Highway Tax	15,775.00

## Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Funds	1,100.00
Total for Agency and Trust	\$65,610.13
Total Payments	\$718,799.65
Cash on Hand December 31, 1925	64,113.83
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	\$782,913.48

The figures below show the amounts transferred from the Reserve Fund for use in the following Departments.

Appropriation	5,000.00	
Police Dept. Lockup		400.00
Selectmen's Dept.—Taking of Census		637.00
Sewers and Culverts		400.00
Support of Poor	1,123.63	2,439.37

Submitted by

HARRIETTE PAINE,

Town Bookkeeper.

# Trial Balance

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	Dr.	Cr.
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes 1921	\$	11.21
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes 1922		1.28
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes 1923	1,176.69	
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes 1924	5,796.64	
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes 1925	20,646.03	
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes Street Sprinkling 1922	1.12	
John T. Brown, Coll. Taxes Street Sprinkling 1925	178.86	
Street Sprinkling Assessment Revenue 1921		20.64
Street Sprinkling Assessment Revenue 1922		55.15
Street Sprinkling Assessment Revenue 1923		209.57
Street Sprinkling Assessment Revenue 1925		180.27
Overlay 1921		868.21
Overlay 1922	43.47	
Overlay 1923		2,410.63
Overlay 1924		2,973.73
Overlay 1925		3,697.82
Comm. of Mass. War Bonus		840.00
Cemetery Dept. Bill Receivable	10.00	
Comm. of Mass. Mothers' Aid	572.66	
City of Worcester Poor Dept.	13.00	
North Wilbraham Poor Dept.	260.00	
Ludlow Poor Dept.	182.00	
Comm. of Mass. Board of Health	160.29	
Support of Poor	46.00	
City of Gardner	104.52	
Highways	52.14	
Sidewalks	4,309.20	
Bridge Repairs, Hampden R. R.	273.71	
Bridge Repairs Town of Monson	93.94	
State Aid	285.83	
Accrued Interest		30.81

Reserve Fund Account of Abatements		9,318.16
Estimated Receipts		16,540.30
Departmental Revenue 1922		434.49
Departmental Revenue 1923		573.81
Departmental Revenue 1924		3,472.11
Departmental Revenue 1925		1,611.05
Revenue Account	16,540.30	
Excess and Deficiency Account		98,917.41
Selectmen's Other Expenses		133.75
Selectmen's "Contg."	1,247.28	
Assessor's Other Expenses		132.46
Auditing and Accounting		90.00
Collector's Salary		450.00
Collector's Salary 1924		120.00
Collector's Salary 1925		300.00
Collector's Bond and Other Expenses		4.39
Town Clerk's Other Expenses		41.72
Law Dept.		517.20
Swift River Counsel		473.90
License Commissioner's Expenses		5.00
Treasurer's Bond and Other Expenses		94.24
150th Celebration		200.00
World War Record		208.58
Election and Registration	58.25	
Town Offices	110.97	
Special Police		63.82
Lockup Expenses		37.57
Office Expenses of Chief of Police		14.71
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses		30.20
Ins. and Care Auto Fire Truck		247.50
Support of District Court		200.00
Suppression of Illegal Sales		200.00
Preservation of Shade Trees	16.90	
Moth Dept Expenses	54.18	
Forest Warden's Dept.	85.88	
Vital Statistics		609.00
Board of Health Other Expenses		346.29
Milk, Meat and Animal Inspection		97.77
Highway Dept. Art. 51, 1924	548.97	
Highway Dept. General Repairs		172.15
Highway Dept. Snow Removal		507.75
Highway Dept. Art. 39		2,810.02
Highway Dept. Bridge Repairs		250.83

Highway Dept. Railings		2 48
Sidewalks, General Repairs	121.39	
Sidewalks, Art. 37		665.96
Sewers and Culverts, General Repairs	13.41	
Belchertown Road Sewer		46.31
High Street, Bondsville, Sewer		557.45
Street Lighting		3,357.01
Street Sprinkling	140.42	
Damage Claims		163.50
Support of Poor	1,123.63	
Wing Memorial Hospital		.57
Soldier's Benefit	5.95	
Three Rivers School Building		1,453.23
New High School		598.25
Repairs on Wenemisset School	90.60	
Education		120.24
Memorial Day		37.15
Workmen's Compensation Insurance		281.17
Printing Town Reports		248.40
Reserve Fund		3,563.00
Care of Cemetery		274.87
Interest on Temp. Loan		1,093.58
Three Rivers School Loan		1,000.00
Concrete Bridge Loan (Fay)		5,600.00
Street Pavement Loan		17,600.00
New High School		179,000.00
Bondsville Grammar School		29,000.00
High School Loan		2,000.00
North Main Street Improvement Loan		10,000.00
Three Rivers School Loan		30,000.00
Net Bonded Debt.	274,200.00	
Trust Funds	24,031.09	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		2,1546.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income		
Account		683.81
Merrick Fund		850.00
Thompson Fund		951.28
Cash on Hand	64,113.83	
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	\$461,219.76	\$461,219.76

# Treasurer's Report

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## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1925		\$130,137.82
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1922	\$ 121.76	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1923	1,870.96	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1924	32,015.46	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1925	283,246.59	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., Interest 1922-1925	1,316.29	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	225,000.00	
Commonwealth, taxes reimbursements etc.	89,327.84	
All other sources	19,876.76	652,775.66
		\$782,913.48

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on Town Warrants,	\$718,799.65	
Balance, December 31, 1925	64,113.83	\$782,913.48

ROBERT L. McDONALD,

Town Treasurer



# Report of Tree Warden

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January 1, 1926

Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Palmer,  
Palmer, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Herewith, my report as Tree Warden for the year  
1925:

Appropriation		\$250.00
Bill left over from last year	\$65.00	
Work done on trees in the four villages and paid out on trees that were trimmed	\$201.90	266.90
Overdraft		\$16.90

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MacGEACHEY,

Tree Warden, Town of Palmer

# Cemetery Commissioners' Report

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The Board of Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit the following report:

## RECEIPTS

Appropriation		\$3500.00
Sale of lots,		
Oak Knoll,	\$189.00	
Palmer Center	1.00	
Care of lots,	1334.98	
Grading lots,	124.30	
Opening graves,	384.00	
Foundations,	213.20	\$2246.48

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## BILLS RECEIVABLE

Ernest H. Carpenter lot,	24.00		
Carl W. Hyland, bal. lot,	14.00		
F. P. Carroll, 1920 care,	2.00		
Est. A. Marsh, 1922 care,	1.00		
Anderson Bros. foundation,	14.40		
James Royce, grading,	7.75		
Est. M. K. Bennett, grave,	8.00		
Mrs. W. H. Blodgett, care	2.50		
H M. Blanchard, care,	2.00		
H. D. Converse, care,	2.50		
Mabel Barker, care,	2.00		
Mrs. J. Doherty, care,	2.00		
Mrs. Amy B. Studley, care,	1.50		
C. F. Grosvenor, care,	2.00		
C. H. Atkins, care,	3.00		
F. C. Steele, care	2.00		
Martha E. Royce, care	2.00	\$ 92.65	\$2339.13

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries,	\$ 150.00		
Printing and postage,	5.68		
Supplies,	10.94		
Labor,	2563.48		
Teams,	158.75		
Equipment and Repairs,	193.57		
Fertilizer,	39.50		
All others,	13.21	\$3225.13	
Balance,		274.87	\$3500.00

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## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

Tool house, Oak Knoll,	\$ 75.00		
Tool house, Four Corners,	50.00		
Tools,	50.00	\$ 175.00	
Unsold lots at market prices:			
Four Corners, 119 @ \$ 8.00	\$ 952.00		
Oak Knoll, 4 @ 50.00	200.00		
8 @ 25.00	200.00		
96 @ 24.00	2304.00		
38 @ 20.00	760.00		
1 @ 12.00	12.00		
54 @ 1.00	54.00	4482.00	\$4657.00

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## PREPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Henry Scism,	\$ 100.00	\$ 103.82
John A. Squier,	100.00	109.82
Calista E. Hendricks,	100.00	105.19
Laura E. Child,	500.00	505.24
Minnie K. Bennett,	200.00	201.78
Avery W. Green,	200.00	211.25
Waterman Fuller,	200.00	204.28
John and Lucy Smith,	200.00	207.25
William A. Breckenbridge,	200.00	207.83

Name	Amount	Present Condition
James W. Snow,	100.00	103.61
Franklin Blanchard,	100.00	101.82
John H. Haynes,	200.00	209.83
Mary A. Shaw,	100.00	102.82
Jane A. Gibson,	100.00	106.11
E. B. Gates,	200.00	211.30
Louisa M. Waid,	200.00	232.83
Amos A. Allen,	100.00	105.47
Torrey Fund,	100.00	104.40
Pliney Cooley,	50.00	52.02
Henry G. Loomis,	200.00	214.26
William Holbrook,	200.00	207.00
Maria Lawrence,	500.00	562.46
Keyes Foster,	100.00	105.89
Harriett Coolidge,	200.00	227.96
Mrs. L. W. Brown,	200.00	249.02
Eliza J. Kenerson,	200.00	213.83
William Mefriam,	200.00	228.03
Mary Redding,	50.00	51.73
D. S. Davis,	200.00	208.89
Marshall Andrews,	200.00	210.00
Ambrose M. Andrews,	200.00	208.00
Enos Calkins,	100.00	103.52
Samuel C. Rogers,	200.00	211.00
Willard G. Kenerson,	100.00	103.50
Maria B. Chapman, care G. B. lot,	100.00	103.50
Maria B. Chapman,	200.00	213.00
Julia H. Henry,	100.00	103.50
Isaac King,	150.00	158.23
Abel H. Calkins,	100.00	105.50
Edward C. Sexton,	100.00	104.50
Henry A. Moore,	100.00	104.50
J. S. Koster,	100.00	103.50
Melissa Hall,	150.00	158.24
Jeremiah Long,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mary J. Plympton,	100.00	100.00
Clymena P. Fuller,	150.00	156.23
Abigail T. Nichols,	50.00	50.00
Mary Hastings,	100.00	103.50
Orrin B. Smith, care T. B. S. Lot,	100.00	104.50

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Orrin B Smith,	200.00	208.00
Laura P. Green,	100.00	104.50
J. H. Kenerson,	100.00	101.50
William Harvey,	150.00	160.26
Alden L. Fletcher,	60.00	63.10
Carrie A. Kurtz,	100.00	103.50
Ralph Green,	200.00	221.00
Meriva L. Capen,	100.00	104.50
Minerva R. Olds,	100.00	101.50
Otis C. Lyon,	100.00	102.50
Hitchcock-Graves Fund,	100.00	103.50
Minerva M. Gates,	200.00	210.00
Rogers-Paine Fund,	150.00	154.30
Elizabeth D. Moore,	100.00	104.50
Mary E. Bailey,	100.00	104.50
M. M. Rogers,	100.00	101.50
Nellie S. Hooker,	75.00	78.39
Ethan Warriner,	100.00	100.50
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	100.00	104.50
Andrew Pinney,	100.00	122.69
Frank F. Marcy,	500.00	517.50
Thomas McDougall,	100.00	103.50
Sarah J. Winter,	200.00	207.00
Charles B. Fiske,	200.00	209.00
Minnie B. Converse,	500.00	522.50
Amelia M. Culver,	100.00	102.50
Omer W. Marcy,	100.00	102.50
Frank M. Eager,	250.00	253.76
Maria Ritchie,	100.00	102.50
Charles H. Burleigh, care A. B. lot,	100.00	101.50
Julia A. Burleigh,	100.00	103.50
C. H. and J. A. Burleigh,	25.00	25.00
Emily M. Holdsworth,	100.00	103.50
Sarah D. Smith,	100.00	104.50
Hollowell P. Marcy,	100.00	103.50
Josie M. Northrop,	300.00	320.50
Ellis and F. M. Dodge,	100.00	101.50
Calvin Childs,	100.00	103.50
Joseph A. Brown,	500.00	517.50

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Sarah I. L. Snow,	50.00	52.23
Abby J. Pierce,	100.00	103.50
D. W. Taft,	75.00	82.39
Henry Graves,	50.00	50.73
William H. Osborne,	50.00	50.73
Sarah E. Ward,	50.00	50.73
George F. Sedgwick,	100.00	102.50
George H. Cobb,	50.00	51.23
B. M. Griswold,	50.00	51.23
Thomas Bruce,	100.00	101.50
H. H. Paine,	50.00	50.73
Susan M. Page,	100.00	103.50
Peebles Fund,	100.00	103.50
George F. Merrick,	100.00	103.50
Maria M. Hastings,	200.00	207.00
Walter E. Stone,	200.00	207.00
Mary A. Thayer,	50.00	52.23
Lucy M. Shaw,	100.00	103.50
Samuel Sharratt,	100.00	101.50
George Robinson,	200.00	215.00
Joseph F. Gerald,	100.00	102.50
James F. Fenton,	100.00	106.50
Liberty Jenks,	200.00	206.33
Martha J. Mooers,	200.00	203.63
Byram Woodhead,	100.00	101.95
Alemania M. Hastings,	100.00	101.95
Clara B. Fisherdict,	100.00	101.95
Austin E. Gould,	100.00	103.17
Susan Beebe,	100.00	100.47
James I. Milliken,	200.00	214.33
Christen Christiansen,	50.00	51.56
Millie G. Rose,	100.00	102.50
Mary E. Murdock, care of F. M. lot,	100.00	102.17
Mary E. Murdock, care of L. B. lot,	100.00	102.17
Robert Chambers,	100.00	102.17
Josiah P. Stevens,	100.00	101.50
William B. Bennett,	100.00	101.50
Charles W. Bennett,	100.00	102.17
Charles E. Fuller,	100.00	102.50

Name	Amount	Present Condition
Frederick H. Conant,	100.00	101.83
Joseph V. Clark,	100.00	101.83
Robert Reid,	100.00	101.83
Edwin B. Newell,	100.00	101.50
Martha A. Shaw,	211.00	226.50
August Carlson,	100.00	104.38
Elizabeth R. Macomber,	200.00	210.00
Thomas D. Frame,	200.00	206.75
O. P. Allen,	100.00	102.37
Albert A. Sherman,	100.00	101.62
Charles A. Royce,	100.00	101.62
Martin L. Farrington,	100.00	101.50
Joseph H. Jones,	150.00	151.67
Mary S. Moore,	100.00	101.12
Horace R. Paine, care Horce Munn lot,	50.00	50.80
A. W. Holbrook,	100.00	101.25
James S. Morgan,	200.00	204.00
Silas B. Keith,	100.00	100.37
James H. Davis,	100.00	101.00
George S. Peck,	100.00	101.00
Nettie O. Coleman,	50.00	50.12
Jennie C. Carpenter,	100.00	101.87
Nellie M. Bond,	100.00	101.50
Esther A. Graves,	100.00	102.25
Cyrus W. Cross,	100.00	100.00
Lucy A. Hitchcock,	100.00	100.00
John C. Green,	100.00	100.00
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	\$21,496.00	\$22,409.48
Gain in P. C. Fund,	\$600.00	

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS INTEREST FUND

Balance Fund January 1, 1925      \$1222.35

Added:

Interest payable Secretary,	206.98
Interest payable Town Treas.	733.53



Interest C. I. Fund,	66.05	\$2228.91	
Withdrawn:			
Care of lots,	878.98	878.98	
Present Condition,			\$1349.93

DAVID L. BODFISH  
 ALBERT S. GEER  
 ALDEN P. KNOWLTON  
 Cemetery Commissioners

## Care of Soldiers' Graves

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report relative to the care of the graves of soldiers, sailors and marines who have served in the wars of the United States and who are buried in the cemeteries of the Town of Palmer.

The soldiers' graves in St. Anne's Cemetery have been graded and those in the other cemeteries have been cared for to the number of one hundred and thirty-one.

Several of the graves are still without markers, an oversight that should be remedied.

Appropriation		\$250.00
Paid Rev. M. J. Carroll		
care St. Thomas Cemetery,	\$50.00	
Paid P. Coache, grading St. Anne's	34.00	
Paid Cemetery Commissioners, care	166.00	\$250.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. BODFISH,

Supt. of Graves.

# Report of Chief of Police

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Palmer, Mass., January 1, 1926

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1925, 414 cases, not including cases against juvenile offenders, were prosecuted in the District Court of Eastern Hampden against 349 persons, for offenses committed within the Town of Palmer. Of the persons brought before the Court in these cases, 186 were residents and 163 were non-residents, 341 were males and and 8 were females. A list of the cases follows:

Adultery	4
Assault,	26
Assuming to be an officer,	1
Bastardy,	4
Breaking and entering,	6
Carrying a revolver,	2
Cruelty to animals,	1
Cutting timber,	3
Desertion,	6
Disturbing the Peace,	5
Drunkenness,	109
Fugitives from Justice,	7
Gambling,	17
Gambling houses,	3
Hawking and Peddling,	2
Junk laws,	3
Larceny,	28
Lewd and lascivious conduct,	1
Malicious mischief,	4
Non-support,	8
School laws,	3

Setting fires without permits,	3
Vagrancy,	26
Violation of liquor laws,	29
Violation of motor vehicle laws,	113
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	414

The number of cases prosecuted in 1924 was 326, the increase for the past year being 88. The number of cases of drunkenness in 1924 was 65 as against 109 the past year. The increase is due to the fact that during 1925 persons brought into court on charges of operating automobiles while under the influence of liquor also had charges of drunkenness preferred against them, a practice which was not followed during 1924.

There has been no change in the personnel of the police force during the year. In my judgment all the officers have discharged their duties in a faithful and conscientious manner, and I desire to officially record my appreciation of their work and also my appreciation of the support given the police department by your Board.

TIMOTHY J. CRIMMINS,

Chief of Police.

# License Commissioners' Report

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The Board of License Commissioners met and organized March 26, 1925.

It was voted to have all fees the same except for Sunday licenses, which was raised from one dollar to two dollars.

The number of licenses granted are as follows:

Third class 3, Inn Holders 9, Lodging Houses 4, Common Victuallers 29, Sunday Licenses 54.

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, Chairman

NEIL McDONALD, Clerk

OSCAR BRESSETTE

Palmer, Mass., January 7, 1926

# Board of Assessors

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The Board of Assessors respectfully report as follows:

Appropriations,	\$340,323.58
Maturing Debt (including interest)	45,072.50
Deficit in overlay (of 1922)	1.087.86
State Tax,	27,600.00
State Highway Tax,	15,775.00
County Tax,	21,135.13
Overlay,	4,097.77
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	\$455,091.84

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## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax,	28,982.56
Corporation Tax,	35,568.98
Bank Tax,	448.03
Licenses,	500.00
Fines,	600.00
General Government,	2,000.00
*Protections of persons and property,	173.20
Health and sanitation,	59.25
Highways,	4,000.00
Charities,	5,300.00
Schools,	8,994.40
Interest on deposit,	600.00
Interest on taxes,	2,000.00
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Total estimated receipts,	89,226.42
Cash balance,	56,714.69
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Total deductions,	145,941.11

Net amount raised by taxation,	309,150.73
Less 290 <sup>2</sup> polls @ \$2.00,	5,804.00
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Total amount to be raised by taxation on property,	303,346.73
Assessed valuation of 1923	
Personal estate,	3,910,011.00
Buildings, excluding land,	6,688,176.00
Land,	1,535,682.00
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Total,	\$12,133,869.00

**Tax Rate,, \$25.00 per M.**

Number of residents assessed on property:		
Individuals,	1863	
All others,	108	
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Number of non- residents assessed on property:		
Individuals,	210	
All others,	46	
	<hr/>	256
Number of persons assessed on property,	2229	
Number of persons assessed for poll only,	1322	
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Number of Horses assessed,	224	
Cows,	623	
Sheep,	3	
Neat Cattle,	112	
Swine,	53	
Fowl,	5735	
Dwelling Houses,	1435	

DANIEL V. FOGARTY

CHAS. E. FULLER

HENRY L. HOLDEN

Board of Assessors



# Road Commissioners' Report

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To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of Road Commissioners herewith submit their sixth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The organization of the Board at the opening of the year was as follows: Thomas J. Moran, Chairman; Chas. A. Tabor, Clerk; Sherman M. Stebbins was re-appointed Superintendent of Streets. On account of leaving town Mr. Tabor was forced to resign in September, Mr. Conway being appointed Clerk for the balance of the year.

## BOUNDARIES

Foster and Pleasant Streets relocated and bounded. The appropriation of \$125.00 not being large enough the balance needed was taken from Highways.

Relocation of Main and Church Streets was not accepted by the Town, and to widen Main Street at this point we recommend that walk on Main street near junction with Church be narrowed to six feet, which will necessitate the removal of the trees at this point. This will widen Main Street three feet at this point and still leave walk wide enough for travel.

## BRIDGES

Tenneyville Bridge over B. & A. tracks has been replanked with 3 inch plank and surface coated with fine trap rock and tar, which we think will materially add to the life of the plank surface.

The Whiting Bridge over Hampden Railroad has been replanked and treated with crushed stone and tar. Appropriation of \$1,300.00 was not enough and balance needed was taken from Highways.

### RAILINGS

New Railings have been built and others repaired to the amount of \$397.52.

### SEWERS AND CULVERTS

Twenty-two Sewer Entrance Permits have been issued during the year. All sewers called for in articles have been completed together with several short extensions, with exception of High Street, Bondsville. To comply with provisions of this article it was found impossible to make the grade to connect with present High Street sewer, and we recommend that new lay-out be made to connect this section with the State Street Sewer.

Walnut Street sewer was relaid from Converse to Park Streets, and apparently relieves a bad condition in this locality.

Belchertown Road Sewer was completed at an expense of \$3,453.69, the Commission laying in same trench 6 inch water pipe on contract for Three Rivers Fire District. We believe this arrangement is a substantial saving in the work for both the Fire District and the Town.

We were obliged to call on the Selectmen for additional funds to build a 50 foot section of Sewer on Pleasant Street, Three Rivers, and other extensions. They transferred \$400.00 to our account for this purpose.

### WALKS AND CURBING

Contract for Tar walks was awarded P. J. Nelligan of Ware, and Cement walks to Philippi Coache of Three Rivers. Curbing contract was awarded to the Pease Company of Nashua, N. H.

Repairs to walks were carried out as far as appropriations would allow, but much still needs to be done. All special articles for walks and curbs were taken care of.

The \$1,250.00 appropriation was applied principally on Squier, Pine, Park, Pleasant, Main and Foster Streets.

### **MAIN STREET, THREE RIVERS**

This Cement Concrete roadway with necessary walks, curb, etc., has been completed at an expense to the town of \$14,492.20.

### **SNOW REMOVAL**

On account of the mild winter of 1924-25, the sum of \$1,492.25 only was spent for snow removal. Of this amount, the larger portion was spent on town roads rather than on roads controlled by the State.

On account of change in mode of travel, we believe it will become more necessary each year to keep clear of snow an increased number of our town roads.

Trucks have been renovated by the Board of Public Works, and returned to us ready for the present winter work.

### **FAY BRIDGE AND TENNEYVILLE ROAD**

This bridge and highway leading thereto have been completed during the past year, and we believe this highway and bridge to be a very satisfactory addition to our improved public ways.

### **FOREST LAKE ROAD**

We wish to call your attention to the amount of work done on this highway and the greatly improved approach to Forest Lake, doing away with and replacing with Concrete, a large wooden planked culvert and wooden bridge.

While exceeding the appropriation of \$1,000.00, this additional work was made possible by the grouping of special appropriations under Article 39.

It is the Commission's recommendation that a portion

of the lesser traveled highways be well graveled each year, to be later hardened with top dressing of crushed stone and tar. An extension of our system of graveled roads would do much to reduce the cost of the old-fashioned methods of road maintenance and bring outlying districts into closer touch with village centers. The present-day methods of travel would seem to necessitate this change.

### HIGHWAY RELOCATIONS

Relocations in highways have been asked for on section from State Highway to Ware, past plant of Bridgman Ice Cream Company to covered bridge; High Street, Thorn-dike and at Hampden Railroad underpass on road from Four Corners to Bondsville.

The Commission recommends that the Town take favorable action on these relocations when they are presented, provided they can be made at a resonable cost.

The following statement shows in a condensed form the appropriations handled by this Board.

	Appro- priations	Expended	Unex- pended
Highways	\$15,000.00	14,827.85	172.15
Snow Removal	2,000.00	1,492.25	507.75
Bridges	1,500.00	1,249.17	250.83
Railings	400.00	397.52	2.48
Street Bounds	125.00	125.00	
Sewers and Culverts	4,400.00	4,413.41	* 13.41
Sewer, Article 41	3,500.00	3,453.69	46.31
Sewer, Article 44	575.00	17.55	557.45
New Walks, Article 37	5,505.00	4,782.32	722.68
Whiting Bridge, Article 47	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Article 48	675.00	675.00	
Article 39	14,600.00	12,186.35	2,413.65
Main Street, Three Rivers	12,879.11	12,992.61	*† 113.50
Walks, Repairs	2,400.00	2,402.27	* 2.27
Curbing	1,250.00	1,250.00	
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	\$66,109.11	61,564.99	4,544.12

\*Denotes accounts overdrawn.

†For labor performed and material furnished in hard-

ening surface between rails and 18 inches on each side. The Springfield Street Railway Company reimbursed the town in the sum of \$556.77, which is not shown in this statement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommends an appropriation for the purchase of a new truck on an exchange basis for the older of the two Ford Dump Trucks now allotted to this Department. In connection with this, we think it would be good business to make appropriation large enough to purchase a higher grade truck than those now used.

Recommendations for regular appropriations for 1926 are as follows:

Highways -----	\$15,000.00
Snow Removal -----	2,000.00
Bridges -----	1,500.00
Railings -----	400.00
Sewers and Culverts -----	2,500.00
Repair of Walks -----	2,400.00
Curbing -----	1,250.00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. MORAN

JOHN J. CONWAY

Road Commissioners

# Overseers of the Poor Report

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer:

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Palmer herewith submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Through whom aided	No. Aided	Amount
Town Farm,	12	\$4,879.12
In Homes and Private Families	168	6,510.10
Poor Under Chapter 763, Acts 1913 (Mother's Aid)	42	4,803.80
Persons aided in other cities and towns		
having settlement in this town	72	836.91
Persons aided in this town having		
settlement in other cities or towns	20	328.20
Persons aided in this town having		
no settlement in Commonwealth	13	138.77
Amount expended on this last item will be reimbursed by the State, also one third of amount expended for Mother's Aid.		

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## RECEIPTS

### Appropriation:

General Administration	\$16,000.00	
Salaries,	455.00	
Town Physician	150.00	
Clerical Assistance,	200.00	
Contingent Fund,	500.00	
From Reserve Fund,	1,123.63	18,428.63
Town Farm:		
Sale of Produce,	1,697.73	
Sale of Wood, etc.,	276.00	
Board for Inmates,	1,296.20	3,269.93
Income from Thompson Fund	42.80	42.80
Reimbursements,		10.49
		\$21,751.85



## PAYMENTS

## Salaries:

Board of Overseers,	455.00	
Town Physician,	150.00	
Clerical Work,	200.00	805.00

## Town Farm:

Warden,	1,200.00	
Labor,	1,070.25	
Groceries and Provisions,	634.32	
Dry Goods and Clothing,	37.35	
Fuel and Light,	475.66	
Hay and Grain,	887.79	
Repairs and Equipment,	306.49	
Telephone,	33.53	
Fertilizer, Seed, etc.,	171.20	
Sundry Items,	61.03	4,877.62

## Outside Poor:

Rent,	1,410.05		
Groceries and Provisions,	6,930.23		
Board and Care,	462.12		
Coal and Wood,	889.69		
Cash,	1,443.15		
Hospital Care and Medicine,	387.50		
Burials,	87.00		
Insurance,	68.40		
Ledger, Postage and Printing,	40.98		
Telephone,	63.59		
Sundry Items,	175.65		
Out of Town Aid,	840.94	\$12,799.30	\$18,481.92

## Contingent:

Transferred to General Appropriation.	500.00
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## NET COST OF CHARITIES

Total Expense,		\$18,581.92
Less Receipts of Town Farm,	\$3,269.93	



Less Reimbursements from State,	1,408.75	
Less Reimbursements from Individuals,	117.27	
Less Reimbursements from Other Cities,	40.00	
Less Income from Thompson Fund,	42.80	4,878.75
		<u>\$13,603.17</u>

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#### NET COST OF TOWN FARM

Total Expense for 1925,		\$4,877.62
Total Receipts for 1925,	3,269.93	
Outstanding Bills	442.00	3,711.93
Net Cost,		<u>\$1,165.69</u>

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### REPORT OF WARDEN TO OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR 1925

#### RECEIPTS

Milk,	1,622.96	
Produce,	534.20	
Board,	1,190.34	\$3,347.50

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#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$3,347.50
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#### BILLS RECEIVABLE

For Wood,	126.00
For Milk,	150.00

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\$276.00

Number of Inmates registered during year,	12
Largest number at one time,	6
Average number supplied for year,	6

## INVENTORY

Furniture and Tableware,	\$900.00
Food Supplies,	296.00
Live Stock,	1,365.00
Hay, Grain and Ensilage,	1,445.00
Farm Implements,	960.00
Wood, Coal and Lumber,	600.00
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	\$5,566.00

The Board recommends the following appropriations for its use during the year 1926.

Support of Poor,	20,000.00
Salaries of Board,	600.00
Clerical Work,	300.00
Town Physician,	200.00
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	\$21,100.00

THOMAS W. MANSFIELD

CHAS. GIROUX, M. D.

PATRICK McKELLIGOTT

Overseers of the Poor

# Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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This Department has sealed, corrected or condemned the following:

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Platform Scales over 1000 lbs.,		14	
Platform Scales under 1000 lbs.,	7	40	6
Counter Scales over 100 lbs.,	1	6	
Counter Scales under 100 lbs.,	8	18	
Beam Scales under 100 lbs.,		7	
Spring Scales over 100 lbs.,		2	
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.,	9	34	3
Computing Scales under 100 lbs.,	5	17	2
Personal Weighing Scales		4	3
Avoirdupois Weights,	1	230	
Liquid Measures, •		77	1
Gasoline Measuring Devices,	7	43	5
Kerosine, Measuring Devices,		6	2
Quantity Stops,		247	
Yard Measures,		2	
Reweighing of Butter,		4	
Reweighing of Dry Commodities,		14	
Reweighing of Bread,		56	
Special Scales Inspections,		5	
Gasoline Pumps Inspections,		6	
Kerosine Pumps Inspections,		1	
	38	833	22

For the year ending December 31, 1925.

LOUIS LEVEILLEE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

# Report of Board of Health

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To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer :

The Board of Health of the Town of Palmer herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

TABLE NO. 1

Chicken Pox						
Diphtheria						
Measles						
Scarlet Fever						
Tuberculosis						
Whooping Cough						
Anterior						
Poliomyelitis						
January,		1	3		1	1
February,	1		2	5		1
March,			3	3	1	
April,				23	1	
May,				5		
June,			1	1		
July,					2	
August,		1				1
September,						
October,		3	1		3	
November,					1	
December,			2		1	
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	1	5	12	37	10	2
						1

TABLE NO. 2

Number of Deaths reported from January 1, 1925 to  
January 1, 1926.

January,	5	August,	5
February,	12	September,	5
March,	12	October,	15
April,	9	November,	6
May,	11	December,	5
June,	5		
July,	10	Total	100

TABLE NO. 3

	Total	Male	Female
Less than 1 year,	20	13	7
1 to 2 years,	2		2
2 to 3 years,	0		
3 to 4 years,	0		
4 to 5 years,	1		1
5 to 10 years,	3	1	2
10 to 15 years,	0		
15 to 20 years,	1	1	
20 to 30 years,	7	4	3
30 to 40 years,	6	4	2
40 to 50 years,	6	3	3
50 to 60 years,	6	3	3
60 to 70 years,	16	8	8
70 to 80 years,	13	4	9
80 to 90 years,	8	2	5
90 to 100 years,	2	1	2
Over 100 years,			
Still born,	9	5	4
	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 49	<hr/> 51

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Palmer:

I have granted the following permits and licenses:

Dealer's Licenses, 115 @ \$ .50 \$57.50

Dealer's Permits, 1		no fee
Oleomargarine Licenses, 5 @ .50		2.50
Producer's Permits, 111		no fee
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		\$60.00

Have carefully inspected all places where milk is produced or sold. one or more times as seemed necessary.

Have revoked or suspended 5 producer's permits on account of unsanitary conditions.

Since obtaining the Sediment Tester, some work has been done along this line with satisfactory results, considerable work will be done along this line in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BENNETT,

Milk Inspector

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## REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health of Palmer:

I have made the following meat inspections:

Hogs -----102

Beef ----- 18

Veal ----- 22

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BENNETT,

Meat Inspector

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## RECEIPTS

From Appropriations:

Salaries,	\$175.00
Vital Statistics,	700.00
Clerical Work,	100.00

General Expenses,	1,500.00	
Meat and Cattle Inspection,	1,000.00	
Reimbursements:		
Tuberculosis,	95.25	
Licenses:		
Alcohol,	15.00	
Druggist,	3.00	
Undertakers,	2.00	
Milk and Oleomargarine,	60.00	
Bottling,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,665.25

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### EXPENDITURES

For:

Salaries,	175.00	
Clerical Work,	100.00	
Printing and Postage,	11.36	
Telephone,	24.36	
Hospital Board and Treatment,	1,042.29	
Fumigation,	43.40	
Vital Statistics,	91.00	
Inspection,	902.23	
Sundry Expenses,	32.30	
	<hr/>	\$2,421.94

The Board recommends the following appropriations for the ensuing year, namely:

Salaries	\$175.00	
Clerical Work,	100.00	
Vital Statistics,	700.00	
Inspection of Meat, Milk and Cattle,	1,000.00	
Contagious Diseases and		
Sundry Expenses,	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,475.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SCHNEIDER, M. D., Chairman  
M. WILLIAM HOLDEN  
WILLARD C. HITCHCOCK  
Board of Health



# Tax Collector's Report

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## ACCOUNT OF 1921

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$22.64	
Added Assessment (1-28-'22)	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$37.64
Amount added as "paid and abated"		
on 1923 report through error	\$ 1.41	
Abatements	36.23	
	<hr/>	37.64

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## Account of 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$134.76	
Added Assessment (12-22-'25)	30.47	
Interest	8.87	
	<hr/>	\$174.10
Paid Treasurer	\$130.63	
Abatements	43.47	
	<hr/>	\$174.10

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## Account of 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$1,706.44
Added Assessment (12-22-'25)	1,341.21

Interest	192.29	
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		\$3,239.94
Paid Treasurer	\$2,063.25	
Abatements	1,176.69	
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		3,239.94

#### Account of 1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$37,732.02	
Added Assessment (2-3-'25)	80.08	
Interest	977.93	
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		\$38,790.03
Paid Treasurer	\$32,993.39	
Abatements	765.97	
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		33,759.36
Outstanding December 31, 1925		5,030.67

#### Account of 1925

Assessors' Warrants to be collected	\$310,275.43	
Interest	137.20	
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		\$310,412.63
Paid Treasurer	283,383.79	
Abatements	399.95	
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		283,783.74
Outstanding December 31, 1925		26,628.89

JOHN T. BROWN,  
Tax Collector.

## Selectmen's Report

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The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report:

ORGANIZATION: The Board organized with the choice of William B. Kerigan as Chairman and Frank G. Rogers as Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS: Ernest E. Hobson was appointed Town Counsel; Harriette Paine, Bookkeeper; Louis E. Chandler, Burial Agent; David L. Bodfish, Superintendent of Graves; M. Scott French, Chief Engineer; Louis Leveillee, Sealer of Weights and Measures; Fred H. Smith and Michael H. Davitt, Inspectors of Animals; Timothy J. Crimmins, Chief of Police.

The suit of James H. Murphy against the Town of Palmer, growing out of the building of the Wenimasset School at Three Rivers, which was reported as pending in the Superior Court in our last report, has not yet been determined. The Master has yet to file his report.

The price for Junk licenses was the same as last year, namely \$50.00.

The Board has adjusted all but one of the claims of property owners abutting on South Main Street and the road leading from South Main Street over the Tenneyville Bridge to Park Street for damages on account of the taking by the Commonwealth of land in the construction of the state highway in said streets. The claim still unadjusted is that of Grace Buckner and others and they have brought a petition in the Superior Court for assessment of damages. The petition is returnable the first Monday in February.

The contract for the printing of the town reports this year was awarded to The Palmer Register at the same price as last year, namely, \$5.65 per page for 1800 reports.

During the fall of 1925, the special commission appointed under authority of the legislature to consider the needs of Boston and the Metropolitan District for additional water supply filed its report, recommending that substantially 57% of the watershed of the Ware River be taken and that a compensatory reservoir be built under certain conditions to hold the remaining 43% of the watershed and permit the water to come down the river for the use of towns and industries. Closely entwined with all water legislation is the project recommended a few years ago and still pending before the legislature for the taking of the waters of the Swift River. Either of these takings would be of considerable damage to the Town of Palmer. The Selectmen have participated in several conferences with the Selectmen of other towns in the Ware Valley, and the Chairman of your Board is serving as a member of the executive committee which is planning the fight to be made against the taking and the safeguarding of the interests of the several towns in the valley so far as possible in any legislation which may be passed authorizing the taking of the waters of either river. The Board recommends that the town appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to defray its share of the expense in connection with the opposition of the legislation referred to.

The Board adopted rules and orders regulating the parking of vehicles in the streets of the town and the use of the streets in the Depot Village by so-called jitneys. In the opinion of the Board the regulations have worked no hardship upon any particular persons and have eased up to a considerable extent congestion in certain parts of Main Street in the Depot Village.

During the year the Board has granted hearings to several petitioners who desire to operate motor busses

through the town and has refused, for what appear to it to be very good reasons, to grant any of the petitions. The Springfield Street Railway Company filed a petition to run motor busses to the villages of the town and to the Ware and Monson town lines. The Board gave several hearings and after mature consideration has decided to grant the company the permission requested. As soon as legal requirements can be complied with and permits drawn which will safeguard all the interests of the town, formal permission will be granted.

During the year the Board perambulated the bounds between the Towns of Ware and Warren and found them in a very satisfactory condition.

The streets in the Depot Village usually sprinkled with water were oiled the past season, through an arrangement made with the Board of Road Commissioners. The cost of oiling was a bit more than watering, but the results obtained and the general satisfaction felt everywhere warrants the Board in believing that oiling the streets is far more preferable than sprinkling with water, and it recommends that this course be followed in the future.

On November 6, 1925, the Board held a joint meeting with the School Committee to fill vacancies which had occurred in the latter committee through resignations. Dr. George A. Moore was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harold M. Parsons and Robert E. Faulkner was elected to fill that caused by the resignation of George L. Warfield.

Settlement was made with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company on account of its obligation to the town on the several bonds of former Tax Collector Hawkes. The report of the audit of the Tax Collector's account made in connection with the audit of all town accounts made by the Director of accounts, submitted to the town under date of April 24, 1922, showed outstanding on March 15, 1922

on account of the levies of 1913 to 1917 the sum of \$5,793.74. The Town Counsel and a representative of the surety company made a very careful examination of the books for the several years and found that many abatements should fairly be granted which had never been legally asked for by the collector. In past years abatements have run from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 per year. In all but one of the years of Mr. Hawkes' term the abatements asked for and allowed did not exceed \$1,006.00 and in 1917, his last year, abatements of only \$67.70 were asked for and allowed. Taking into consideration the abatements which in the judgement of the Town Counsel and the Board should have been made, and which were later authorized by the Tax Commissioner, upon the recommendation of the Director of Accounts, Mr. Waddell, it was deemed to be for the best interests of the town to accept an offer of \$2,150.00 which was made by the surety company. Settlement was made accordingly and the sum of \$2,150.00 received. The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the helpful assistance of the representative of the surety company, Mr. Russell, during the negotiation of the settlement.

The whole town was saddened on the morning of November 3d last to hear of the sudden death of its beloved Town Clerk, John F. Foley. For many years he had served most efficiently and courteously in the important office of Clerk of the Town of Palmer. No man stood higher in our town than Mr. Foley and his loss has been and will be keenly felt. The Board has asked Mr. David L. Bodfish to prepare and present at the appropriation meeting suitable resolutions upon Mr. Foley's death. Robert L. McDonald, Town Treasurer, was appointed Town Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Foley until the annual town meeting. He was obliged to assume the duties of the office at a particularly hard time and has performed the same with much credit.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

## Statement of Recommendations for the year 1926

Election and Registration,	\$1,200.00
Premium Workmen's Compensation Insurance,	950.00
Auditing and Accounting,	1,490.00
Selectmen's Other Expenses,	500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Expenses,	1,800.00
Special Police,	1,000.00
Printing and Distribution of Town Reports,	1,200.00
Salaries of Selectmen,	1,000.00
Law and Claim Department,	1,500.00
Insurance,	300.00
Soldiers' Relief,	1,600.00

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN

FRANK G. ROGERS,

CHARLES A. CALLAHAN

Board of Selectmen



# Report of Young Men's Library Association

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN  
YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1925

To the Members of the Young Men's Library Association:

I herewith submit my fifteenth annual report as Librarian of your Association. The report will be brief.

## CIRCULATION

The total circulation for the year was 62,369, divided as follows:—Main Library, 34,279; Three Rivers Branch, 15,114; Bondsville Branch, 6,770; Thorndike Branch, 6,206.

The decrease over that of last years is 89. The decrease is far less than I feared it might be. The causes of the decrease are well known to us. I shall not enlarge upon them. Last year I dwelt upon these causes to some extent.

The causes being known, it is "up" to us to find the remedy. We have several under contemplation. Our chief hope lies, I believe, in the State Library Reading Plan. This plan has been working to some extent during the last year. Plans has been completed whereby it can be put into full operation. When it is "gotten under full sail," it will make a marked increase in our circulation. Better still, it will produce "feeders" for the Library in years to come.

This plan is a co-operative one between the Library and the public schools. A most excellent list of books, carefully graded, has been gotten out. Certificates are offered for the reading of five books and an honor certificate is issued for the reading of twenty books. The plan will entail considerable work upon the part of the librarians and the teachers. The plan is sufficiently strong, nevertheless, in purpose to warrant such effort. The ultimate aim is the inculcation of the habit of reading good books by school children. This is our chief interest rather than that of increase of circulation.

### AIM

It is the aim of the Association to meet every desirable need in the way of library facilities that exists. We are supplying these needs to a considerable extent in the maintaining of a branch in each of the villages. It is our desire that, whenever we fail to meet just demands, those who recognize our failure shall inform us. We welcome criticism at any time. Often times, those "on the outside" can see difficulties which those "on the inside" can not see. In all public matters, it is the duty of the "outsider" to tell the "insider" what he believes are shortcomings. If told in a gentlemanly manner, no one should resent criticism. We will accept with good grace any criticism which may be leveled at us—constructive or destructive: courteous or discourteous. We desire to be of the utmost service to all. No one will regret our failure to be of such service more than we. It is "up" to the public to command. It is "up" to us to obey.

### STATISTICS

#### CIRCULATION

The following statistics are given:

#### Books and Magazines

Main Library,

34,279

Three Rivers Branch,	15,114
Thorndike Branch,	6,206
Bondsville Branch,	6,770

Total,	62,369
Last Year	62,458

Decrease,	89
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Books on hand, January 1, 1925,	16,980
Purchased during the year,	736
Received by Gift,	23

Books on hand, January 1, 1926	17,738
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Respectfully submitted,  
CLIFTON H. HOBSON,

Librarian

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1925	\$	4.47	
Received from Town of Palmer,		4,600.00	
Fines, etc.,		219.16	
Withdrawn from Palmer Savings Bank,	300.00	\$5,123.63	

### Disbursements

May Robinson, Attendant, Palmer	\$	849.96
Ruth Davis, Assistant, Palmer		641.63
Ethel Jenks, Assistant, Palmer		100.00
E. Spaulding, Janitor		308.04
Three Rivers, Branch		399.96
Thorndike Branch		312.00

Bondsville Branch	192.00	
Fuel and Light	574.08	
Telephone	22.81	
Supplies	45.18	
Books and Magazines	1,547.11	
Miscellaneous Expenses	75.36	\$5,068.13
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Balance		\$ 55.50

FRANK S. KEITH

Treasurer

# Town Warrant

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden, ss.

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in said County,

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in the elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen to wit: In Precinct A, at Holbrook Hall in the Holbrook Building on Main Street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at Recreation Building (room on the street floor) on Commercial Street in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at Saint Stanislaus Polish Lyceum Building (hall on the second floor) on East Main Street in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D, at Boston Duck Company's Hall on Main Street, in Bondsville, on Monday, the first day of February, A. D., 1926, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers to wit: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, three Auditors, five Constables, three License Commissioners, and a Tree Warden, all for the term of one

year; a Town Clerk (to fill a vacancy) for the term of one year; one Road Commissioner (to fill a vacancy) for the term of one year; one member of the School Committee (to fill a vacancy) for the term of one year; one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one Road Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health, and one Cemetery Commissioner, all for the term of three years.

The polls will be open at six o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the eighth day of February, A. D. 1926, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all other usual town officers.

ARTICLE 3. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise money and make appropriations to defray expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to

borrow during the ensuing financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for current expenses of the town, but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount permitted by law, giving the note or notes of the town therefore, payable within one year from the date thereof; all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from revenue of the said financial year.

ARTICLE 6. To hear and act on the reports of Committees.

ARTICLE 7. To choose Committees and give them instructions.

ARTICLE 8. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise money to convey pupils to and from public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.



ARTICLE 14. To see what action the Town will take in respect to lighting the streets and whether it will authorize the Selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 15. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the improvement of cemeteries.

ARTICLE 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to sidewalks and curbing.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths and elm tree beetles.

ARTICLE 19. To see what action the Town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the Town.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the insurance and maintenance of the auto fire trucks for the ensuing year, or see what action it will take relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will appropriate money for defraying the town's share of the support of the District Court.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of the rent, janitor service and maintenance of the town offices in the Holbrook Building.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to sprinkle or spread upon its public ways, or parts thereof, water or any liquid or material suitable for laying or preventing dust and preserving the surface of such ways and for sanitary purposes, the cost thereof to be assessed upon abutting estates, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be paid to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association for the charitable purposes of said Association in this town, or for the care and support in said hospital of persons wholly or in part unable to support or care for themselves, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will make provision for reimbursing the police officers for expenses incurred in the investigation of cases and otherwise in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the cost of maintaining the District Nurse.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to maintain police in the several villages, authorize the Selectmen to employ and appoint in addition a Chief of Police, and to make rules and regulations for the government of all the police officers of the Town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to meet the town's share of the cost to the County of Hampden for providing adequate hospital care for consumptives under the provisions of Chapter III of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, or any sum, to be expended within the town under the direction of the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture for the promotion of boys' and girls' work in agriculture, home making and country life in the town, including agricultural demonstration work on land owned by the town, or owned by any resident of the town, in accordance with the provisions of Section 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of any Town Officers.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will appropriate money under the authority of Section 22 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws for the care of graves of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and were honorably discharged from such service.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to oppose the taking of the waters of the Swift and Ware Rivers for the uses of the Metropolitan Water District, study proposed legislation and employ counsel for these purposes, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for necessary expenses.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will appropriate money, to be expended in the discretion and under the direction of the Selectmen, for the repair and maintenance of the clock in the Universalist Church tower in the Depot Village, or taken any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will vote to acquire by purchase any part of the H. D. Converse land situate adjacent to the High School Building in the Depot Vil-

lage for the purposes of an athletic field and playground, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 35. To see what appropriation the Town will make of the sum of \$5,045.11, returned to it by the Commonwealth as its share of certain surplus funds collected to provide suitable recognition of those residents of Massachusetts who served in the Army and Navy of the United States during the war with Germany under the provisions of Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1924, and now held as a special fund as permitted by said chapter.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,303.26 to pay overdrafts made by the several departments of the Town during the year 1925, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to pay the Estate of Thomas W. Kenefick for services rendered and expenses incurred by the late Judge Kenefick as Town Counsel from January 1st to August 25th, 1923, and for services rendered and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the case of James H. Murphy against the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to make any repairs, alterations or additions in and to the Engine House situate on Park Street in the Depot Village, raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for new sidewalks, as follows:— (a) sidewalk with curbing on the westerly side of Park Street in the Depot Village, from Pinney Street to State Highway

leading from Park Street to South Main Street; (b) cement sidewalk, with cement curbing, on the southerly side of Pleasant Street, Three Rivers, from its intersection with Bourne Street to its intersection with Main Street; (c) cement curbing along sidewalk on Bourne Street, Three Rivers, with necessary repairs to said walk; (d) sidewalks, with curbing, on the northerly and southerly sides of North Main Street in the Depot Village, from the Point of Rocks to Shearer's Corner; (e) cement walk, with granite curbing, on the northerly side of North Main Street, in the Depot Village, from Squier Street to the Point of Rocks.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to set the curbing on Main and Church Streets in the Depot Village, near their intersection, back about 3 feet, remove three large trees, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 41. To see if Town will raise and appropriate money for the improvement of highways as follows: (a) Improve and harden Rockview Street in the Depot Village with gravel or other suitable material; (b) Improve North Street, Three Rivers from its intersection with Bridge Street to a point opposite Pytka's bakery; (c) Improve and harden the Belchertown Road, Three Rivers, from the Boston & Albany Railroad crossing to the Belchertown line; (d) Construct cement concrete road from curb to curb in East Main Street, Three Rivers from end of present cement road to its intersection with Charles Street; (e) Improve and harden Oak Street, Three Rivers; (f) Improve and harden Griffin Street, Bondsville, with gravel or other suitable material, from its intersection with High Street to a point within 50 feet of the Boston & Maine Railroad crossing; (g) Improve and harden Pine Street, Bondsville, with gravel or other suitable material, from



its intersection with South Main Street to a point opposite property of Frank Lamb; (h) Improve Forest Lake Road, Bondsville, from Pleasant Street easterly.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to construct a heavy wire fence on concrete retaining wall on the westerly side of Main Street, Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction of sewers as follows:—(a) sewer, with suitable catch basins, on Oak Street in Three Rivers; (b) sewer, with suitable catch basins, on Old Center Road, so-called, Thorndike, from corner of George Fortune's property, through Gay avenue and the Ware Road to the Ware River; (c) sewer, with suitable catch basins, in Pinney Street in the Depot Village, from its intersection with Breckenridge Street to house of Ed Spaulding; (d) sewer, with suitable catch basins in Shearer Street, in the Depot Village, from the present terminus of the sewer in said streets northeasterly to house of Leander Milde; (e) sewer, with suitable manholes and catch basins, in High Street, Bondsville, from a point approximately 75 feet north of Polish Society Hall southerly to State Street; (f) catch basin on Pleasant Street, Three Rivers, opposite property of Albert Senecal.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain additional electric lights as follows:—(a) suitable lights on Converse Street in the Depot Village, between Thorndike Street and the new high school; (b) 2 lights on Belchertown Road, Three Rivers; (c) 1 light on the southerly side of Walnut Street in the Depot Village, about midway between Pleasant and Park Streets; (d) 1 light at the corner of Pinney and Park Streets in the Depot Village; (e) 1 light on the Monson Road in Ten-

neyville in from of property of Frank O'Rourke; (f) 1 light on Main Street in Three Rivers, at the Central Vermont Railroad crossing; (g) 1 light on Pleasant Street, Three Rivers, opposite property of Eugene Graveline; (h) 1 light at the Corner of High and Willow Streets in the Depot Village; (i) 2 lights on Randall Street in the Depot Village; (j) 1 large street light at Shearer's Corner, at the intersection of North Main Street, Wilbraham Street and Three Rivers Road; (k) 1 additional light at the corner of High and State Streets and relocate present light near corner of South High and State Streets, in Bondsville; (l) suitable lights at the corner of South Main and Crawford Streets and relocate present lights on Crawford Street, Bondsville; (m) 1 light in Bondsville, on the road leading from Bondsville to Four Corners, opposite gas station of George Roberts; (n) 1 light on Summer Street, Thorndike, near the lane leading to property of one Smigel; (o) 4 lights on the highway leading from Four Corners to Bondsville, between Four Corners and the Hampden Railroad underpass; (p) 1 light at the northeast corner of Main and State Streets in Bondsville; (q) 1 light on Thorndike Street in Depot Village near driveway to residence of A. W. Holbrook.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the town will vote to provide additional school accommodations, by acquiring land for, and constructing, equipping and furnishing any building or buildings to be used for a public school or schools, and raise money for the same by taxation or by an issue of bonds, notes or script, under authority of Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1920, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Town of Palmer to incur indebtedness for additional school accommodations," or under any provisions of General Laws, and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.



ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 44 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws providing for the retirement of, and the payment of pensions to, certain school janitors.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the proper authority for an alteration at the crossing of the Springfield Road and the tracks of the Ware River Branch of the Boston & Albany Railroad and the Central Vermont Railway, known as the Wire Mill Underpass, so as to provide a safe and suitable passageway for pedestrians at said crossing, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 48. To see what action the Town will take with reference to the establishment and maintenance of public playgrounds.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of The Journal-Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January, A. D. 1926.

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,  
FRANK G. ROGERS,  
CHARLES A. CALLAHAN,  
Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy, Attest:

MICHAEL COLLINS,

Constable of the Town of Palmer.

# Auditors' Report

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We have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Secretary of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year 1925, and beg to submit the following:

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1925		\$130,137.82
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1922	\$ 121.76	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1923	1,870.96	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1924	32,015.46	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., taxes 1925	283,246.59	
John T. Brown, Tax Coll., Interest 1922-1925	1,316.29	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	225,000.00	
Commonwealth, taxes reimbursements etc.	89,327.84	
All other sources	19,876.76	
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		652,775.66
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		\$782,913.48

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on Town Warrants	\$718,799.65	
Balance, December 31, 1925	64,113.83	
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		\$782,913.48

## TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT

## DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:	570		
Males	451 @	\$2.00	\$ 902.00
Spayed Females	46 @	2.00	92.00
Females	73 @	5.00	365.00
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			\$1359.00
Payments to County Treasurer:			
June 2, 1925		\$1,163.40	
December 1, 1925		81.60	
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		\$1,245.00	
Fees deducted		114.00	
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			\$1359.00

## TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

JOHN T. BROWN, Tax Collector

## ACCOUNT OF 1921

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$22.64	
Added Assessment (1-28-'22)	15.00	
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		\$37.64
Amount added as "paid and abated" on 1923 report through error	1.41	
Abatements	36.23	
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		\$37.64

## ACCOUNT OF 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925	134.76	
Added Assessment (12-22-'25)	30.47	
Interest	8.87	
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		174.10
Paid Treasurer	130.63	
Abatements	43.47	
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		174.10

## ACCOUNT OF 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$1,706.44	
Added Assessment (12-22-'25)	1,341.21	
Interest	192.29	
	<hr/>	3,239.94
Paid Treasurer	2,063.25	
Abatements	1,176.69	
	<hr/>	3,239.94

## ACCOUNT OF 1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$37,732.02	
Added Assessment (2-3-'25)	80.08	
Interest	977.93	
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Paid Treasurer	32,993.39	
Abatements	765.97	
	<hr/>	33,759.36
Outstanding December 31, 1925		<hr/> \$5,030.67

## ACCOUNT OF 1925

Successors' Warrants to be collected	\$310,275.43	
Interest	137.20	
	<hr/>	310,412.63
Paid Treasurer	283,383.79	
Abatements	399.95	
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Outstanding December 31, 1925		<hr/> 26,628.89

## ACCOUNTS OF J. A. HAWKES, TAX COLLECTOR

Account of 1913:		
Outstanding December 31st, 1923,		\$ 362.05
Account of 1915:		
Outstanding December 31st, 1923,		1,519.02
Account of 1916:		
Outstanding December 31st, 1923,		2,348.76
Account of 1917:		
Outstanding December 31st, 1923,		2,965.26
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		\$7,195.09
Overpayment to Treasurer,		
Levy of 1914,	12.48	
Undistributed payments to Treasurer		
February 28, 1922,	\$1,224.25	
March 2nd, 1922,	128.62	
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	1,352.87	
July 21, 1925		
Taxes collected from Bonding		
Company applied on years 1913		
to 1917 inc.	2,150.00	
December 26 Overlay 1913	374.41	
Overlay 1915	1,393.37	
Overlay 1916	1,119.30	
Overlay 1917	2,252.85	
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	\$8,655.28	
Balance to reserve fund a/c of overlays		\$1,460.19

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees collected 1925 as per receipt book	90.30	
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Balance due Town Treasurer		90.30

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$3,500.00	
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Expenditures	\$3,225.13	
Balance	274.87	
	<hr/>	3,500.00

Amounts collected and paid Town Treasurer as follows:

Sale of lots	190.00	
Care of lots	1,334.98	
Grading	124.30	
Opening graves	384.00	
Foundations	213.20	
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## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' FUND

Balance January 1, 1925,	\$1,222.35
Interest to December 31, 1925	2,228.91
Care of lots for year	878.98
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	1,349.93
Balance December 31, 1924	20,896.00
Perpetual Care Fund, December 31, 1925	21,496.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WILDER

FRANCIS J. HORGAN

HOWARD S. CURTIS

Auditors

TOWN OF PALMER

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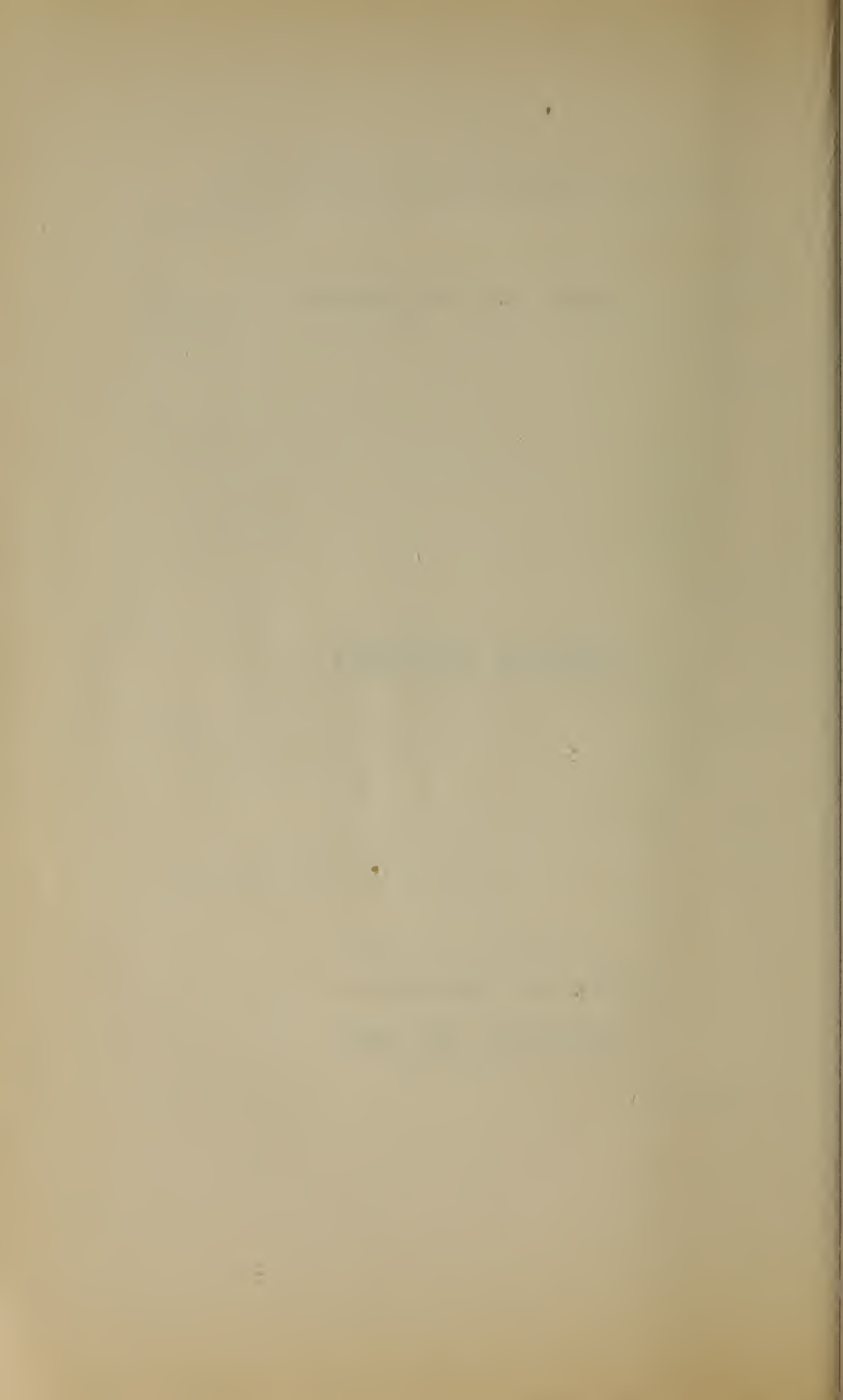
# SCHOOL REPORT

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For the Year Ending

December 31, 1925





# School Committee, 1925-1926

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Dr. George A. Moore, Charman

Clifton H. Hobson, Secretary

John F. Shea,	Term expires 1928
Jeremiah J. Kelley,	Term expires 1928
Dr. John F. Roche,	Term expires 1927
Dr. Charles Giroux	Term expires 1926
Robert E. Faulkner,	Term expires 1926
Dr. George A. Moore,	Term expires 1926

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7.30 p. m. on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent on the Monday before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Clifton H. Hobson.

Office, High School Building. Telephone 54.

Office Hours:—8 a. m. to 12 m., 1 to 5 p. m.;

Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Patrick McKelligett,	Depot
Charles Thomas,	Depot
T. J. Crimmins,	Depot
Patrick Nagle,	Thorndike
D. V. Fogarty,	Three Rivers
William Smith,	Three Rivers
John Mansfield	Bondsville
Arthur Bennett,	Forest Lake
Edmund L. Guerin,	Town

## JANITORS

Patrick McKelligett,	Palmer
Jerry Sullivan	Palmer
Herbert Blanchard,	Palmer
Patrick Nagle,	Thorndike
Charles Fuller,	Bondsville
William Smith,	Three Rivers

# Calendar

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Winter term begins January 4, 1926; ends February 26, 1926.  
Spring term begins March 8, 1926; ends April 30, 1926.  
Summer term begins May 10, 1926; ends July 2, 1926.  
Fall term begins September 7, 1926; ends December 23, 1926.  
Winter term begins January 3, 1927; ends February 25, 1927.  
Spring term begins March 7, 1927; ends April 29, 1927.  
Summer term begins May 9, 1927; ends July 1, 1927.

## OTHER SCHOOLS

Winter term begins January 4, 1926; ends February 26, 1926.  
Spring term begins March 8, 1926; ends April 30, 1926.  
Summer term begins May 10, 1926; ends June 18, 1926.  
Fall term begins September 7, 1926; ends December 23, 1926.  
Winter term begins January 3, 1927; ends February 25, 1927.  
Spring term begins March 7, 1927; ends April 29, 1927.  
Summer term begins May 9, 1927; ends June 17, 1927.

## VACATIONS—ALL SCHOOLS

Winter—February 27, 1926, to March 7, 1926, inclusive.  
Spring—May 1, 1926, to May 9, 1926, inclusive.  
Summer—(Grades): June 19, 1926, to September 6, 1926, inclusive.  
          (High): July 3, 1926, to September 6, 1926, inclusive.  
Fall—December 24, 1926, to January 2, 1927, inclusive.  
Winter—February 26, 1927, to March 6, 1927, inclusive.  
Spring—April 30, 1927, to May 8, 1927, inclusive.  
Summer—(Grades): June 18, 1927, to September 5, 1927.  
          (High: July 2, 1927, to September 5, 1927.

## HOLIDAYS

Washington's Birthday, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day,  
Columbus Day, Convention Day, Thanksgiving (with day following).

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer :

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my fifteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Palmer. This is the thirty-third in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the town.

## INTRODUCTION

This report will consist of two main divisions:—(1) Regular Features—a brief resume of some of the outstanding things being done in the local schools; (2) High School Curriculum Change—a short statement of some of the reasons for such change.

In Part I, especial attention is call to "High Spots," which concludes it. This is a plain statement of fact—as we see it—ungarnished, non-hyperbolic, non-boastful.

Part II is a bare statement of the problem. A full, logical presentation of the case would require page after page. In fact, books have been written upon this subject. Every local school has its own individual problems; yet, underlying all, there are certain common basic facts. This is a mere—and meager, I know—attempt to let you see what confronts us. We are not alone in this matter. Everyone else has faced and attempted to solve it, or will have to.

## PART I.

## REGULAR FEATURES

## Attendance.

The attendance figures for the school year of 1924-1925 show a remarkably healthy condition.

The average membership, 2,106.25 is within some sixty (60) of the highest average membership ever attained in our schools, which was secured just before the opening of the Polish Parochial School. The losses incurred at that time have been gradually made up year by year, until, during the current school year, they have been more than made up.

The percentage of attendance for the entire system was ninety-six and thirty-two hundredths per cent. (96.32%). This is an exceptionally high percentage of attendance. Last year, in a state-wide comparison of percentages of attendance, the Palmer schools ranked very high. Our percentages of attendance have been high year after year.

Three hundred twelve (312) Perfect Attendance Certificates were given out at the close of the last school year to pupils who had been neither absent nor tardy during the entire time.

Only two hundred eighty-seven (287) cases of tardiness occurred during the entire year. While this number is much larger than it should be, it is far smaller than is the number in most systems of our size.

In fact, our records in percentage of attendance, perfect attendance, and tardiness, extended over a period of ten (10) or fifteen (15) years, will compare favorably with, if not excel, those of most school systems in Massachusetts.

### Health Work

One of the best pieces of constructive work done by the schools during the past few years has been that of Health. The amount, the ramifications and the effectiveness of this work can not be properly gauged by anyone who is not most intimately in touch with the school situation. The work is very largely a social, as well as a health, work. The amount of good which comes to not only the boys and girls, but also the homes of these same boys and girls, can not be properly evaluated. Many cases of physical defects have received proper treatment as a result of the school nurse. Many homes in which dire distress has existed have been given relief.

The examination of all school children conducted in accordance with the requirements of the State has been completed for the third consecutive year. The decrease in defects is so marked in 1925 over 1924, in 1925 over 1923, and in 1924 over 1923, that a table is here appended for comparison purposes.

No. Examined,  
Defects found:

	1923 2,014	1924 1,902	1925 2,299	Decreases			Per Cent Decrease		
				1924 over	1925 over	1925 over	1924 over	1925 over	1925 over
				1923	1923	1924	1923	1923	1924
Appearance,	154	72	30	82	124	42	53%	81%	58%
Nutrition,	211	80	80	131	131	0	62%	62%	0%
Posture,	438	160	113	278	325	47	63%	74%	29%
Scalp,	329	200	105	129	224	95	39%	68%	48%
Skin,	119	52	34	67	85	18	56%	71%	35%
Teeth,	745	457	362	288	383	95	39%	51%	21%
Throat,	867	561	395	306	472	166	55%	55%	30%
Nose,	55	15	5	40	50	10	73%	91%	67%
Glands,	137	64	36	73	101	28	53%	74%	44%
Heart,	80	24	22	56	58	2	70%	73%	8%
Lungs,	13	3	0	10	13	3	77%	100%	100%
Feet,	10	11	6	1*	4	5	10%*	40%	45%
Spine,	17	16	18	1	1*	2*	6%	6%*	13%*
Total,	3,175	1,715	1,206	1,460	1,969	509	46%	62%	30%

\*Increase



A study of this table will give marked evidence of the positive value of health examinations of school children. The decreases are almost unbelievable. They indicate that rather exceptionally good health conditions, all things considered, now prevail in our schools.

These examinations are followed by notifications being sent to each parent calling his attention to any defect or defects which may exist in his child; also, by a personal visit upon the part of the school nurse. Fine results have followed such personal follow-up. In fact, notifications which have not the personal follow-up amount to comparatively little. Parents, as a rule, will not heed them.

This fall a tubercular clinic for school children was held.

During the year, several cases have been sent to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. Marked improvement has taken place in all cases that have been treated there.

Fourteen (14) school children were at the Preventorium of the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association at Provin Mountain during the summer. The total number of days put in at the Preventorium was 303; the total weight gained was 40 lbs. 6 ozs.; the average number of days was 22; the average weight gained was 2 lbs. 14 ozs. All of these children are pre-tubercularly inclined.

All of these functions were unknown to schools some twenty (20) years ago. They simply give an angle of some of the many lines of work which have fallen upon the schools. The schools have become social, as well as educational agencies. The schools interest themselves in the child in many of his phases of outside-of-school activities.

School lunches are provided at cost to the

**School Lunches.** pupils in Palmer and Three Rivers. The prices are kept at the lowest possible point. There is no attempt to make money. The lunches

are operated for the benefit of the children. Oftentimes, those who need them most are those who can least afford to pay for them. The cost per article must be considered by these pupils. Our prices easily compare in reasonableness with those in any school lunchroom.

The lunchroom is run as a separate organization and not as a direct part of the School Department. The receipts and expenditures during the last calendar year are as follows:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1925.	\$ 189.87
Receipts	4,021.58
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	\$4,211.45
Expenditures	4,105.02
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Balance	\$ 106.43

The salaries of the two who operate the lunchroom in the High School, together with the cost of student help, were paid entirely throughout the entire year from lunchroom funds.

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### PENNY SAVINGS

The Penny Savings report from November 1, 1921, when the system was instituted, to July 1, 1925, shows the following:

School	No. of Dposits	Amount
Park Street	12,575	\$4,469.58
Thorndike Street		
Palmer Center	223	59.07
Forest Lake	433	155.15

Wire Mill	1,156	1,197.50
Thorndike	9,052	4,100.18
Bondsville	8,980	3,269.37
Three Rivers	6,505	3,148.72
Wenimisset	919	412.33
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	39,843	\$16,801.90

The report from October 31, 1924, to July 1, 1925, the last school year, was as follows:

School	No. of Deposits	Amount
Park Street	2,539	865.97
Thorndike Street	1,810	485.47
Palmer Center	110	25.95
Forest Lake	418	152.02
Wire Mill	418	240.67
Thorndike	1,965	842.51
Bondsville	2,154	756.02
Three Rivers	1,733	759.36
Wenimisset	519	194.35
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	11,666	\$4,322.32

### PROMOTIONS

A tabulation of the promotion statistics for the last school year is interesting. It is as follows:

		No. of Pupils	Promoted		Conditionally Promoted		Not Promoted	
			No.	Percent.	No.	Percent.	No.	Pct.
Grade	9	93	67	72.04	26	27.96	0	0
"	8	117	78	66.67	35	29.91	4	3.42
"	7	222	154	69.37	46	20.72	22	9.91
"	6	220	177	80.45	30	13.64	13	5.91
"	5	232	195	84.05	30	12.93	7	3.02
"	4	231	193	83.55	23	9.96	15	6.49
"	3	273	221	80.95	27	9.89	25	9.16
"	2	269	225	83.64	14	5.21	30	11.15
"	1	309	273	88.35	0	0	36	11.65
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T'tl & Av.	1,966	1,583		80.50	231	11.76	152	7.74

Viewed from every possible angle, a clean promotion of eighty and fifty hundredths per cent. (80.50%) of the entire elementary school enrolment speaks volumes. Eleven and seventy-six hundredths per cent. (11.76%) of conditional promotions and seven and seventy-four hundredths per cent. (7.74%) of non-promotions are not bad. The number of non-promotions in grades 1 and 2, practically eleven per cent. (11%) in each case, is small. First grades often run as high as twenty-five per cent. (25%) of non-promotions.

## EXAMINATIONS

Mid-year and final tests were started in the grades in 1922, being given to all pupils from fourth grade up. There has been a constant improvement in the results secured in these examinations. A careful study of the results since the inception of the examinations has been made. The findings are so interesting that they are here given in tabular form:

	Mid-year		Final	Mid-year		Final	Mid-year		Final	Mid-year		Final
	1922	1922	1922	1923	1923	1923	1924	1924	1924	1925	1925	1925
No. Taking Tests	984	961	877	790	893	846	1,000	982	7,333			Total
No. Averaging better than 70% Percent	361	521	558	649	722	754	901	915	5,381			
	36.69	54.21	63.63	82.15	80.85	89.11	90.10	93.18	73.38			
No. Averaging Less than 70% Percent.	623	440	319	141	171	92	99	67	1,952			
	63.31	45.79	36.37	17.85	19.15	10.89	9.90	6.82	26.62			
No. Averaging Btwn 60% and 70% Percent.	200	172	174	80	103	59	66	39	893			
	20.32	17.90	19.84	10.13	11.54	6.99	6.60	3.98	12.18			
No. Averaging Btwn 50% and 60% Percent.	188	111	82	36	50	21	25	16	529			
	19.11	11.55	9.35	4.56	5.60	2.48	2.50	1.62	7.21			
Averaging Less than 50% Percent.	235	157	63	25	18	12	8	12	530			
	23.88	16.34	7.18	3.16	2.01	1.42	.8	1.22	7.23			

Special attention should be given to the results secured in the last final examinations. Ninety-three and eighteen hundredths per cent. (93.18%) had an average of seventy per cent. (70%) or better in all their tests. Only six and eighty-two hundredths per cent. (6.82%) fell below an average of seventy per cent. (70%). Out of this six and eighty-two hundredths per cent. (6.82%) three and ninety-eight hundredths per cent. (3.98%) ranged between sixty (60) and seventy (70) per cent; one and sixty-two hundredths per cent. (1.62%) between fifty (50) and sixty (60) per cent.; and one and twenty-two hundredths per cent. (1.22%) fell below fifty per cent. (50%).

### EXTENSION WORK

Some excellent results were secured in the extension work done under the direction of the School Department during the past year. Our efforts were focalized upon a few major projects. Whatever was attempted was done reasonably well.

The total enrolment in the Americanization classes was one hundred forty-nine (149). The average membership was one hundred twenty-nine (129). At the close of the year, on March\* 26, certificates were awarded to ninety-three (93) pupils who had been present at sixty per cent (60%) or more of the sessions.

It is interesting to note the various nationalities represented in these classes. They were as follows:—Albanian, Canadian French, Italian, Polish, Lithuanian, Russian, Armenian, Swedish, and Syrian. The nationality having the largest representation was the Polish with ninety-four (94) members.

Twenty (20) had taken out their first papers in the process of naturalization, and twelve (12) took out their second papers during the school year. The work which is done in our classes is held in high regard by the State



Department of Education. Our efforts and the results we get are often cited by them in their endeavors to incite other towns and cities to greater effort.

Many projects have been undertaken  
**Home Bureau.** with adults in co-operation with the  
 Hampden County Improvement  
 League. At least six (6) classes have been organized in  
 the following projects:—Home Nursing, Millinery, Clothing, etc. The enrolments in these various classes are good. Much interest is evinced and excellent results are secured. The women enroled are receiving valuable instruction. I can conceive of no better line of work for real heads of households than these.

The work was successfully carried on  
**Boy's and Girl's** this past year.

**Club Work.** Mr. Hall, agent of the Hampden County Improvement League, who supervised it, tells you briefly the story:

"Herewith is submitted our 1925 annual report for the work done among Palmer boys and girls in co-operation with you school people. May we take this opportunity of saying that the quality of the work done by your boys and girls has been of a very high standard.

"The Bondsville garden group has won for the second time, the trophy cup offered by the League for the best all around work done by a single garden group in the entire county. This is the only group that ever won such a prize two years in succession.

"John Sullivan, a Palmer boy, was awarded the highest honors open to any poultry club boy in Hampden County. Isabelle West, who won a similar honor for the canning club is now being considered for state honors. Two of the Palmer girls demonstrated canning so well that they were brought to the Eastern States Exposition to give public demonstrations. The same group was asked to assist with some special demonstration work at Woronoco, Mass.



"The Hampden County Improvement League is always more than willing to co-operate with you and your schools. The credit for this high quality work referred to, is due more to you local people than it is to anything we have done or could possibly do.

"OTIS E. HALL"

	No. Enrolled	No. Completing	Amount Won in Prizes at E. S. E.	Estimated Value of Produce
<b>Bondsville</b>				
Canning	17	15		\$ 273.00
Garden	28	28		324.66

REMARKS:—The Champion Garden Club in this County.

**Palmer**

Canning	15	14	\$8.75	1,180.65
Poultry	9	3		*
Clothing	30	15		300.00
Garden	18	10	\$4.00	400.00

\*REMARKS—John Sullivan, Poultry Club boy, won county championship honors.

**Thorndike**

Canning	7	2	\$4.75	33.40
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**Three Rivers**

Canning	27	21		483.20
Garden	36	0		170.00

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Totals	187	128	\$17.50	3,164.91
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REMARKS—The dollars and cents side of this type of work is the least to be considered but it is certainly big enough to justify the little expense necessitated for your summer leaders.

### **PALMER PENMANSHIP**

For several years, the Palmer Schools have been using the system of handwriting known as Palmer Penmanship. Fairly good results have been secured. Special incentive was added last year by making use of the awards that the Palmer Penmanship Company offered. These awards are as follows:—(1). Silver Star Button; (2). Gold Star Button; (3). Palmer Method Button; (4). Progress Pin; (5). Improvement Certificate; (6). Final Certificate. Each award represents an amount of work done in approved style, established by the company as necessary for the securing of the award.

The number of awards secured by the pupils in our graded schools during the past year are as follows:—Silver Star Button, 325; Gold Star Button, 284; Palmer Method Pins, 787; Progress Pins, 364; Improvement Certificates, 49; Final Certificates, 24.

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### **OPPORTUNITY CLASS**

Our Opportunity Class in the Wenimisset School is fulfilling its purpose, to a very large degree. Pupils attending these classes are benefited much—often more than they, or their parents, realize. These boys and girls are, as a rule, more manually than mentally minded, and are, for the first time in their lives, in a school where the environment is suited to their abilities—an environment which gives them a large degree of satisfaction because they can see definite accomplishments made by themselves.

Examinations have just been completed, under the direction of Dr. M. B. Hodskins, Superintendent of the Monson State Hospital, with the following results:—Number Examined, 89; Sent to Special Class, 31; Continue in Grades, 53; Continue in Special Classes, 3; Borderline Cases, 43; Needing Medical Attention, 29; Needing Social Supervision, 5; Normal 2; Defined as Dull 18; Defined as Moron, 20; Diagnosis Deferred, 6.

## CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The Continuation School had a total enrolment during the last school year of two hundred thirty-three (233)—one hundred two (102) boys and one hundred thirty-one (131) girls. The average membership was one hundred sixty-seven and eighty-eight hundredths (167.88); the average attendance was one hundred sixty-five and eight-nine hundredths (165.89). The percentage of attendance was ninety-eight and eighty-one hundredths per cent. (98.81%).

The total expenditures for the year were \$6,250.27, divided as follows:—MAINTENANCE—Administration, \$225; Instruction, \$4,525.97; Auxiliary Agencies, \$424.29; Operation of Plant, \$629.75; Repairs and Replacements, \$29.21; Total, \$5,834.22. ESTABLISHMENT AND EXTENSION OF PLANT — Construction, \$353.75; Equipment, \$62.30; Total, \$416.05; Grand Total, \$6,250.27.

The receipts were as follows:—Tuition, \$190.96; Smith-Hughes Act, \$292.74; Cash Received from Work and Products, \$55.80; Total, \$539.50.

The State re-imbursed the Town fifty per cent. (50%) upon \$5,294.72, the re-imbursement netting Palmer \$2,647.36. The difference between the total cost of operation, \$6,250.27, and the amount upon which re-imbursement was made, \$5,294.72, is found by deducting from the former \$416.05, expenditure for establishment and extension of plant, a non-re-imburseable expenditure by the State, yet a necessary expenditure—plus the \$539.50 received from Tuition, Smith-Hughes, and Cash from Work and Products (revenue received and turned directly into the Town Treasurer). The difference is \$955.55.

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## COST COMPARISON

The figures below are taken from a bulletin of the State Department of Education, entitled "Statistics of the Public

Schools for the School Year 1924-1925." In this bulletin, the three hundred fifty-five (355) towns and cities are divided into four (4) groups, as follows:—Group I, Cities (There are 39); Group II, Towns of 5,000 Population or Over (There are 74); Group III, Towns of Less than 5,000 Population and Maintaining High Schools (There are 118); Group IV, Towns of Less than 5,000 Population and Not Maintaining High Schools (There are 124).

1. Average Population, U. S. Census, 1920:—Group I, 70,820; Group II, 9,505; Group III, 2,198; Group IV, 1,038; State, 10,852; Palmer, 9,896.

2). Average Valuation, April 1, 1924:—Group I \$120,443,157; Group II, \$14,124,175; Group III, \$3,245,843; Group IV, \$1,412,815; State, \$17,748,368; Palmer, \$11,888,185.

3). Average Number of Pupils Enrolled, 1925:—Group I, 12,512; Group II, 1,958; Group III, 481; Group IV, 195; State, 2,011; Palmer, 2,194.

4). Average Valuation of 1924 per Pupil in Net Average Membership, 1925:—Group I, \$10.436; Group II, \$7.706; Group III, \$7.330; Group IV, \$6.759; State, \$8.801; Palmer, \$5.868.

5). Average Expenditure for School Support from Local Taxation per \$1,000 Valuation, 1924:—Group I, \$7.74; Group II, \$9.18; Group III, \$9.38; Group IV, \$9.30; State, \$8.12; Palmer, \$11.68.

6). Average Expenditure per Pupil in Average Membership for Support of Public Schools from Local Taxation, 1924:—Group I, \$80.78; Group II, \$70.75; Group III, \$68.78; Group IV, \$62.85; State, \$77.09; Palmer, \$68.52.

7). Average State Re-imbursement, 1924:—Group I, \$6.55; Group II, \$7.11; Group III, \$12.97; Group IV, \$23.87; State, \$7.84; Palmer, \$6.66.

8). Average Expenditure in Average Membership for Support of Public Schools from All Sources, 1924:—Group I, \$88.43; Group II, \$80.19; Group III, \$85.39; Group IV, \$89.03; State, \$86.54; Palmer, \$79.07.

Palmer, which is in Group II, compared with average of each group and the State, reveals these relative fractional relationships:—Population—slightly less than State's average; Valuation—about two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of State's average; School Enrolment—slightly higher than State's average; Valuation Per Pupil—slightly less than two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of State's average; Average Expenditure from Local Taxation per \$1,000 Valuation—about two-fifths ( $\frac{2}{5}$ ) more than State's average; Average Expenditure per Pupil from Local Taxation—about \$8.50 less than State's Average; Average State Re-imbursement—less than State's Average by \$1.18; Average Expenditure per Pupil from All Sources—\$7.47 less than State's average.

The only excess over the State's average is in Expenditure per \$1,000 Valuation, due to Palmer's valuation being less than the average throughout the State. The smaller the valuation, the larger is the expenditure per \$1,000 thereof, regardless of the high or low cost per pupil for education.

In the cost per pupil in average membership from all sources, Palmer stands lower than all four groups and the State.

It may be interesting to compare Palmer's rank in the State in per capita cost with that of nearby towns, picked solely because of propinquity, without regard as to their rank being higher or lower. There are thirty-three (33) such towns, exclusive of Palmer, ranging in population from 15,462 to 153, with an average of 4,806. There are three hundred fifty-five (355) towns and cities in the State; consequently, ranks may run from one (1) to three hundred fifty-five (355).



The towns and **their respective rank in the State** are:—

Holland, 8; Greenwich, 27; Brimfield, 33; Hardwick, 51; Longmeadow, 64; Hampden, 86; Wales, 113; Amherst, 115; West Brookfield, 137; Deerfield, 139; West Springfield, 149; Montague, 152; North Brookfield, 156; Warren, 164; Brookfield, 170; Enfield, 174; Belchertown, 195; Greenfield, 202; Easthampton, 204; Ludlow, 216; Palmer, 229; Wilbraham, 236; Monson, 238; East Brookfield, 246; Winchendon, 248; Ware, 251; Agawam, 271; Barre, 274; Great Barrington, 277; East Longmeadow, 280; Athol, 287; Spencer, 282; Southbridge, 310; Orange, 313.

The **average rank** of these towns is 184; Palmer's rank is 229. Thirteen (13) of them—including Palmer, there are thirty-four (34) towns—only rank lower.

The **average cost per pupil from all sources** of these towns is \$81.01. They range from Orange, \$67.69, the lowest, to Holland, \$176.23, the highest. The cost in some of the very nearby towns is:—Ware, \$77.12; Monson, \$78.05; Warren, \$87.72; Brimfield, \$140.39; Ludlow, \$80.80; Belchertown, \$83.88; Wilbraham, \$78.14; Wales, \$96.87; Amherst, \$96.68; North Brookfield, \$88.21; Brookfield, \$86.83; West Brookfield, \$91.50; East Brookfield, \$77.44; Palmer, \$79.07.

Twenty-nine (29) other towns, those comparing somewhat equally in size, valuation, etc., with Palmer, are here given:—Adams, Norwood, Easthampton, Danvers, Natick, Saugus, Dedham, Belmont, Braintree, Winchester, Northbridge, Amesbury, Athol, Milton, North Attleboro, Ware, Middleboro, Bridgewater, Andover, Swampscott, Stoneham, Montague, Hudson, Rockland, Ludlow, Reading, Marblehead, Fairhaven and Whitman.

In population, they average 9,334 (Palmer's is 9,896); in valuation per pupil in average membership, \$7,411 (Palmer's is \$5,868); in **per capita cost from all sources**,

\$81.39 (Palmer's is \$79.07). Their average State rank in per capita cost is 216, Palmer's is 229.

View cost from whatever angle you will; Palmer's will bear up well under the most intensified scrutinizing.

## HIGH SPOTS

Few people realize the vast changes that have taken place in the scope and organization of school work. The present-day school system is a complex thing. This is equally true whether the system is a large or a small one. In fact, a small system is often more difficult to handle than a large one, due to the limitations placed upon those in charge in the way of assistants. In order to present to you briefly some of the many features of our school work, a classification of so-called "high spots" is here given:—

1). Good and Diversified Work is done in the various grades.

Special commendation is received from visiting school people upon our work in Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling, and Grammar. We feel we do as effective work in History, Geography, Physiology and Hygiene, Music, Drawing, Physical Education, etc.

2). Our High School is functioning, all things considered, efficiently.

The school offers two (2) courses—College Preparatory and Commercial. The graduates of both departments, on the whole, have done well.

3). Special Classes for pupils three or more years mentally retarded are operated.

These are spoken of under the name "Opportunity Class." They are for the mentally under-privileged child, so to speak.



- 4). Continuation School, both for boys and girls, is in operation.

Each division of the school is well equipped for its particular work.

- 5). Americanization Work is done with non-English speaking people.

Approximately, one hundred fifty (150) are enrolled in these classes each year.

- 6). During the summer months, Gardening and Canning Clubs are maintained.

There are several clubs with good-sized enrolments. These clubs have always carried away some of the premier honors of the county. Their purpose is the inculcation of certain habits and skills essential to successful living.

- 7). An excellent Health Department is a part of the system.

In this department are four (4) school inspectors and one school nurse. Annual physical examinations are made and carefully tabulated. Clinics for tubercularly inclined children are held once or twice a year. The operation of lunch rooms and the sale of pasteurized milk are a part of health work.

- 8). A Penny Savings System has been in operation in the Palmer Schools, except during our participation in the World War, for over twenty (20) years.

This system was re-established in November, 1921, after the interruption caused by the World War. From the time of its re-establishment to June 30, 1925, the deposits have amounted to \$16,801.90.

- 9). The Number of Pupils Promoted speaks well of the effectiveness of the school work.

Last year, eighty-and fifty hundredths per cent. (80.50%) were cleanly promoted; eleven and seventy-six hundredths per cent. (11.76%) were conditionally promoted and only seven and seventy-four hundredths per cent. (7.74%) were not promoted.

- 10). Mid-year and Final Examinations show effective teaching.

In 1922, the year of their institution, thirty-six and sixty-nine hundredths per cent. (36.69%) received an average in all subjects of seventy per cent. (70%) or better. In 1925, ninety-three and eighteen hundredths per cent. (93.18%) received an average in all subjects of seventy per cent. (70%) or better.

- 11). Penmanship is scientifically and effectively taught.

Last year a total of 1,833 awards were made in penmanship. These awards are furnished by the Palmer Penmanship Company, each being based upon a certain degree of efficiency in handwriting.

- 12). Excellent Work in Oral English, generally taking the form of assembly work, is done in the High school.

This is excellent practice for boys and girls who are later to take their place in a democracy. Ability to think and talk upon one's feet is a prime essential.

- 13.) Socialized Recitation Work is conducted in many subjects in the grades.

These recitations are pupilly conducted. They give excellent training in thinking and talking.

- 14). Lunchrooms are maintained in two (2) of the villages.

These lunchrooms are practically self-supporting and their prices are rock-bottom.

- 15). Athletics are run upon a high plane.

In the grammar schools, there is a baseball league, cleanly conducted. In the high school, baseball, football, and basketball are the major sports. The motto is "Clean Sportsmanship," which is better taught in games than in school.

- 16). Orchestras are conducted in nearly all the schools.

Each of the larger grade schools has its orchestra. The high school possesses an exceptional orchestra for a school of its size.

- 17). The high school pupils issue a paper called "The Palmer."

This paper is a publication worthy of a good school. It gives an excellent opportunity for training to those who are active in its production.

- 18). A strong Household Arts Department is a part of the high school.

The department is excellently equipped. When you realize that ninety per cent. (90%) of the girls are eventually to become homemakers, the need of such instruction can not be gainsaid.

- 19). The high school has a Manual Training Department.

Instruction in manual training, mechanical drawing, etc., is essential for the average boy. Some of this training in former years he got by doing chores. The day of chores have gone by.

- 20). The State Reading Plan is in operation.

The idea is the inculcation of the habit of reading good books. The books are well graded and certificates are awarded for the reading of a certain number.

- 21). A very Clean Atmosphere prevails throughout all of our schools.

There is almost an entire absence of markings, especially obscenities, throughout all our school buildings. Such a condition has much to do in the creation of a right moral atmosphere for boys and girls.

- 22). Our schools are fairly well equipped for Visual Instruction.

Visual instruction is essential. Many people are "eye-minded." They learn better through the picture than through the printed word.

- 23). All our schools are carefully safe-guarded against Contagious Diseases.

The children are under excellent medical supervision. Paper towels, bubblers, disinfectants, deodorants, liquid soap, etc., are used.

- 24). Careful attention is given to Under-weight Children in the schools.

In fact, we were practically the pioneers in this sort

of work which is now being done throughout the State. Our under-weights are fairly few and far between. All our schools, except the districts, have scales for weighing children.

- 25). The Salute to the Flag is given in every room in every school every morning.

This salute has been in effect since September, 1911.

- 26). Schools maintain a Close-Co-operation with the Hampden County Improvement League.

Courses for adults in millinery, dressmaking, clothing, nutrition, etc., are operated annually.

- 27). Close Co-operation is also given the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association.

Clinics are held two or three times a year in the schools. Children tubercularly inclined are carefully watched. When necessary, they are X-rayed. Some are sent to the sanatorium at Westfield. Many attend the summer camp for under-nourished children. Generally, excellent results are secured.

- 28). The schools have Good Equipment throughout.

This is true of not only the furniture, but also of the books, maps, reference books, etc.

- 29). The Physical Condition of the buildings throughout the town is good.

Within the past two (2) years, some twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been specifically spent for this purpose.

- 30). A most Excellent Spirit upon the part of the teachers and pupils prevails throughout the system.

Every visitor—schoolman or layman—comments upon the fine spirit prevailing. In fact, they marvel at it. "Fair Play" and "The Square Deal" are really at the bottom of this spirit.

- 31). Palmer has an excellent New High School.

It has been pronounced "the most high school for the least money since high prices in New England." It possesses many most admirable features. Were it larger, it would still better serve the purpose or purposes it should than it does.

- 32). There is quite a wide Community Use of school buildings.

This is as it should be. A very liberal policy is used in this matter. Free use of buildings is given for educational and civic purposes, where no charge is made for admission. Other charges are based largely upon cost of operation. The buildings belong to the townspeople. Why shouldn't they use them?

- 33). Outlines in all subjects in the grades are in existence.

These are very complete. They tell what to teach, when to teach it, and how to teach it. They give a certain uniformity of method, yet not so uniform as to be deadening.

- 34). A Complete Physical Record is kept of every child.

As time goes on, such records will be valuable.



- 35). The School Department is operated upon a carefully Worked-out Budget.

Rarely is the budget over-spent.

- 36). The Palmer Schools have always had a Low Cost per Pupil.

Any study of cost over any period of years will prove this.

- 37). The meetings of the School Committee operate upon a carefully Drawn-up Schedule of Business, with sufficient Comments to give every member a proper setting of each question.

Nearly every matter of prime importance is presented to the Committee in typewritten form, with the necessary statistics, tabulations, etc.

- 38). The Attendance of school children is carefully watched.

Regular attendance, when possible and advisable, is demanded of every child.

- 39). School laws relative to Employment Certificates for children are impartially enforced.

The certification of children for employment entails a great deal of office work.

- 40). The Expenditure of All School Money is carefully kept track of.

The exact financial standing of each account in the budget can be given anyone at any time.

## PART II

## HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHANGE

Historically, the origin of the secondary or high school was due to the existent need of a fitting school for college. Its sole purpose was the fitting of the pupil for college entrance. It was a preparatory school, maintained in connection with the college or run independently. As time went on and as the peculiar nature of our form of government—a democracy—was better understood, new and additional needs were discovered. It was realized that the common or grammar schools were not sufficiently wide in scope to meet these needs. Additional years were added to them until the public high school emerged.

The preparatory school was a fitting school; the newly conceived school was a finishing school. The former focalized upon those subjects prescribed for college entrance. The finishing school adopted a more extensive program in an attempt to give all lines of training necessary to proper equipment for citizenship. One looked to ultimate values; the other, to immediate values.

The modern high school has attempted a combination of these two types of schools—a very difficult task as the two functions conflict in all respects and are mutually exclusive in some respects. The public demands that both types of students—the smaller number preparing for college and the larger number who will complete their formal education when through high school—shall be served at the same time and generally in the same classes. In large schools, this demand has been met—more often in name than fact—by offering parallel courses. In the smaller schools, the emphasis has been upon college preparation. Some liberalizing has taken place with the result that neither type—the two (2) per cent. who go to college and the ninety-eight (98) per cent. who fit immediately for life—has gotten what it should.

It is unfair to neglect either type. The gifted few must be trained for leadership; the larger mass must be given general intelligence to support such leadership. It would be suicidal to neglect either, especially in a democracy. Therefore, the high school must perform both functions and thus make possible the continuance of a real American democracy. To do this, it must in itself be a democratic institution.

To be democratic, it must serve all who are sufficiently mature to derive benefit from attendance thereon. The conception of the present-day high school is that "it must bring to each pupil, whatever his social or economic or mental status, the opportunity to engage in those lines of study and participate in those varieties of experience which will contribute to the fullest realization of his capacities for wholesome, happy and useful living. The point of view involved is that the high school is the highway along which all the youth may travel, each at his own gait, and each going as far as his own abilities and social situation may determine. Some, blessed with fine abilities, will travel this highway on up and through college and university out upon the higher and broader fields of activity. Others, less favored by nature, will leave at the end of the highway for the middle ground levels of life; while very many others of limited ability will take to the side roads after one, two, or three years. It is the duty of the high school to make provision for each of these types, and such provision that the individual shall find it easier to live the life into which he settles, to be truly useful, and to be a better man in and of himself for the time he spent in school."

Education in the United States must be guided by a clear conception of the meaning of democracy. Democracy is attained only when society is so organized that each member may develop his own personality through activities designed for the well-being of his fellow members and of society as a whole. Human ideals must be placed upon

a high level of efficiency. There must be an appreciation of the significance of these activities. Each must choose that vocation and those forms of social service in which he can best use himself to the advantage of society.\* To do this, there must be developed in each individual the knowledge, interests, ideals, habits, and skills whereby he will find his place and use it to help place both himself and society on a higher plane. This is the work of education in a democracy.

An analysis of the activities of the individual show that an education to fit him for such must have these objectives:

- (1). Health
- (2). Command of Fundamental Processes
- (3). Worthy Home Membership
- (4). Vocation
- (5). Citizenship
- (6). Worthy Use of Leisure
- (7). Ethical Character

Recognition of these objectives necessitates a reorganization of the high school curriculum. There are other factors which compel it. Some of them, briefly stated, are:—

1). Changes in Society. The complexity of social, economic, and political organizations, the change toward increased democratic control, and the loss of effectiveness of other agencies—industry, home community, etc.—demand a higher level of intelligence.

2). Changes in the Secondary School Population. These are both quantitative and qualitative. In 1890, five (5) out of every one thousand (1,000) of the population attended high school; in 1920, nineteen (19). Formerly, there was a relatively homogeneous and select group, in respect to intelligence and economic and social status; now there is a heterogeneous type, with widely varying capacities, aptitudes, social heredity, and destinies in life.

3). Recognition of Retardation and Elimination. Nearly thirty (30) per cent. of all pupils are one or more years retarded; less than fifty (50) per cent. ever reach the ninth grade; fewer than sixteen and two-thirds ( $16\frac{2}{3}$ ) per cent. ever reach the last year of high school.

4). Recognition of Individual Differences in Capacities and Aptitudes. Pupils vary widely in native intelligence, even in upper grades and high school—all the way from the borderline of the moron to that of genius. School work is geared too high for the duller pupils; consequently, there is retardation and elimination.

5). Realization of the Attainment of Meager Results. Tests and scales, modern educational instruments, have clearly shown the ineffectiveness of the forms of education formerly employed.

6). Understanding of Laws of Learning and Nature of Development. A better understanding of these laws makes necessary a modification in methods of instruction and organization of educational material. Development is now recognized as a continuous and gradual process.

Some of the purposes in the reorganization of secondary education are:—(1). Getting pupils into high school and keeping them there as long as possible. (2). better classification by grades and recitation groups; (3). broadening and diversifying the course of study with due regard to character of pupils and economy of expenditure; (4). meeting aims of secondary education as now recognized; (5). organizing subject matter in terms of laws of learning and the ways in which abilities developed are to be employed in the activities of life; (6). reforming methods of instruction to conform to psychology of learning and of individual differences; (7). minimizing deferred values; (8). laying greater emphasis on functional and less on formal values; (9). recognizing values of educational diagnosis and guidance; (10). establishing closer



relationship between study in school and activities of life for which they should prepare; (11). adapting secondary school administration to make possible the purposes stated.

The principles which should determine the content of the secondary school courses are:—(1). The courses of study should be sufficiently broad and diversified to provide suitable training for all normally constituted children of high school age; (2). there should be the proper balance of the major aims of education with reference to the training of the citizen, of the worker, and of the individual as a somewhat independent personality; (3). specialized education should be preceded by a form of diagnostic education; (4). provision should be made for specialization, with sufficient flexibility for proper re-adjustment; (5). certain studies, called constants, should be pursued by all pupils—those that deal with objectives of health, command of fundamental processes, worthy of home membership, citizenship, and ethical character; (6). there should be as many others, called variables, as the nature of the enrolment and due economy demand; (7). no attainment of a smattering of many subjects, without following any through, should be allowed; (8). each subject should be so organized and taught as to make its maximum contribution; (9). the laws of learning and the manner in which the knowledge, skills, ideals, and powers involved are to be used in later life or study should control the organization of the content and method of each study; (10). the content and method of studies must be adapted to the major capacities and needs of the pupils.

Briefly—and in an assertive, rather than an argumentative style—the factors, purposes, and principles underlying the re-organization have been set forth. They are not the product of my thinking, but are, rather, the thoughts and conclusions of those who are, by far, more expert than I. Education is a science, with as many specialized fields as



any other science. I have borrowed freely and, often, almost verbatim. These conclusions, in a large degree, concern us and our high school situation as much as they do any. They are pertinent. With them as a basis and guide, we hope "to put our house in order" so that in the fall we can do what we should by our boys and girls.

We should provide suitable instruction for all pupils who are in any respect so mature that they would derive more benefit from the secondary than from the elementary school. Proper opportunity for the right development of the physical, intellectual, emotional, and ethical characteristics of all should be given. Nothing less than complete and worthy living for all our youth should be our aim.

### RECOMMENDATION

I make this recommendation:

That the Town erect a new school building to care for the pupils in the Wire Mill Section and also, as occasion demands, for pupils living between this section and some designated street, as Knox or Thorndike.

I shall not enlarge upon this suggestion inasmuch as there is to be a report by a Special Committee, which has gone thoroughly into the matter. I will say this:—The present building and portables are not a credit to Palmer; Palmer can take no pride in them. This section of Palmer deserves better accommodations, and should have them at once.

### CONCLUSION

I have endeavored to give you a brief, yet comprehensive, picture of the "doings" of the past year in Part I.

In Part II, I have dealt with what I consider the outstanding problem confronting us at this time. I trust I have handled it, in such a brief space, in a manner that has made it readily understandable.

Attestation is here made to the fact that those conducting your schools are giving earnest, faithful, and conscientious service. They are honest, frank, friendly, and fair in all their acts, insofar as human frailty will allow. They are human.

I make due acknowledgement to the School Committee for its friendly and strong support; to the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation; to the public for its fairness and patience.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON

Superintendent of Schools.

Palmer, Mass., January 11, 1926.

# Appendix

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## GENERAL STATISTICS

### 1. Population

Census of 1923,	11,042
School Population, April 1, 1924, 5 to 16 years of age,	2,823
School Population, April 1, 1923, 5 to 16 years of age,	2,911

### 11. Pupils

Number of children in Town, April 1, between:

	1923-1924	1924-1925
Ages 5 and 7,	450	472
Ages 7 and 14,	1,904	1,955
Ages 14 and 16,	469	484
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	2,823	2,911

Aggregate Enrolment, September to June	2,173	2,315
Average Daily Attendance,	1,885.78	2,028.19
Average Number Belonging,	1,959.17	2,106.25
Per Cent. of Attendance,	96.25	96.32

Average Number of Pupils per Teacher:

In High School,	20.43	20.89
In Other Schools	33.70	31.10

# Attendance Statistics

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## Attendance by Schools 1924—1925

	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrolment
High	271.53	262.36	96.73	61	286
Thorndike Street,	268.59	258.48	96.05	31	313
Park Street,	413.41	393.17	95.1	66	460
Three Rivers Grammar,	213.10	207.06	97.11	33	234
Wenimisset,	135.01	130.16	96.41	20	149
Thorndike Grammar,	275.85	265.12	96.11	18	285
Bondsville Grammar,	383.58	371.72	96.91	26	409
Wire Mill,	97.28	94.05	96.84	11	104
Palmer Center,	22.11	21.70	98.14	18	38
Forest Lake,	25.77	24.37	94.	3	37
	<hr/> 2,106.25	<hr/> 2,028.19	<hr/> 96.32	<hr/> 287	<hr/> 2,315

## INSURANCE

### I. Total Estimated Value of Buildings and Contents

School	Building	Contents	Total
Palmer High,	\$188,750.00	\$44,100.00	\$232,850.00
Thorndike Street Grammar,	54,540.00	6,550.00	61,090.00
Park Street Grammar,	60,460.00	6,178.00	66,638.00
Thorndike Grammar,	49,388.00	5,423.00	54,811.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	48,384.00	4,662.00	53,046.00
Bondsville Grammar,	55,955.00	6,919.00	62,874.00
Wenimisset,	50,000.00	4,169.00	54,169.00
Wire Mill,	5,500.00	1,131.00	6,631.00
Palmer Center,	1,675.00	487.00	2,162.00
Forest Lake,	1,550.00	381.00	1,931.00
Total,	\$516,202.00	\$80,000.00	\$596,202.00

### II. Insurance Upon School Buildings

Palmer High,	\$151,000.00
Thorndike Street Grammar,	43,550.00
Park Street Grammar,	48,400.00
Thorndike Grammar,	39,500.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	38,750.00
Bondsville Grammar,	44,800.00
Wenimisset,	40,000.00
Wire Mill,	4,400.00
Palmer Center,	1,350.00
Forest Lake,	1,250.00
Total on Buildings,	\$413,000.00
Insurance on Contents,	\$72,000.00
Total Insurance,	\$485,000.00

Amount of Insurance,	\$485,000.00
Rate—Five Years,	1.72%
Premium,	\$8,342.00
Average Yearly Premium,	\$1,668.40

TABLE OF COSTS—EIGHT YEARS COMPARED

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
General Expenses,	\$ 3,796.43	\$ 4,264.67	\$ 5,810.64	\$ 7,223.33	\$ 8,670.89	\$ 9,152.81	\$ 9,022.67	\$ 8,398.63
Teachers' Salaries,	32,668.48	42,830.68	57,474.37	72,072.06	77,559.29	79,233.46	89,001.04	94,315.32
Textbooks and Supplies,	3,485.86	4,075.97	5,356.59	5,889.20	5,951.94	7,014.25	7,006.93	8,147.72
Transportation,	3,478.46	4,341.01	4,925.60	5,708.00	5,997.30	6,862.85	8,304.52	9,951.60
Janitor's Services,	3,196.00	3,798.08	4,424.34	5,566.86	5,618.82	6,667.32	7,843.57	8,474.66
Fuel and Light,	6,567.72	5,131.47	7,274.27	9,516.71	7,579.23	13,347.73	14,597.24	15,796.46
Maintenance Bldgs. and Grounds,	2,122.82	2,381.11	2,103.05	2,475.11	2,340.37	2,253.79	9,007.41	3,180.27
Repairs,	1,551.09	1,574.07	1,352.58	2,582.29	2,174.94	2,823.70	3,784.35	3,848.53
Music, Man'l Training, Drawing,	1,500.75	2,163.97	3,532.61	3,564.13	3,838.61	3,885.22	4,013.83	4,513.74
Other Expenses	1,836.26	2,452.72	2,547.73	3,612.41	4,637.93	11,340.92	7,891.72	6,809.33
Furniture and Furnishings,	474.10	777.19	1,929.80	1,374.97	1,970.72	2,365.85	1,065.69	1,527.59
Rent,	810.00	75.00	308.00	245.00				
Commercial,	3,720.97	4,312.31	5,537.94	7,271.74	9,062.99	9,098.95	9,659.97	7,410.50
Special Heating			791.28	2,100.77		5,551.52		
Bills Payable,				3,506.94	2,846.65			
Special Alterations at Palmer,								
Grammar School,					1,895.00			
Improvement of Wenimisset								
Grounds,					20.00			
Special Repairs								4,120.49
Special Wenimisset Repairs								4,590.60
Total,	\$65,208.94	\$78,088.25	\$103,369.10	\$132,709.52	\$140,464.68	\$159,598.37	\$171,098.74	\$181,102.28



Americanization, Vacation School, Playgrounds, Continuation School,	61.75	237.38	3,329.33	658.05	1,511.19	1,870.44	2,085.70
			3,501.88			2,368.26	
			2,359.27	6,612.68	6,119.92	*6,668.57	6,951.96
			\$141,900.00	\$147,735.41	\$167,229.48	\$182,006.01	\$181,763.10

Average Membership,	1,868.41	1,972.98	2,144.93	1,984.11	1,945.65	1,959.17	2,106.25
Average Attendance,	1,702.31	1,886.51	2,044.19	1,899.62	1,867.78	1,885.78	2,028.19
Cost per Pupil Based on Average Membership	\$34.90	\$39.58	\$48.19	\$70.79	\$82.03	\$87.33	\$85.98
Cost per Pupil Based on Average Attendance,	\$38.31	\$41.39	\$50.57	\$73.94	\$85.45	\$90.73	\$89.30

\*This includes Smith-Hughes Fund, \$292.74

# COST PER SCHOOL

	High	Thorndike Street	Park Street	Three Rivers
General Expenses	\$ 177.40	\$ 44.64	\$ 44.09	\$ 39.29
Teachers' Salaries	19,806.00	10,364.63	13,184.60	8,891.05
Textbooks and Supplies	2,795.74	1,231.89	837.83	660.80
Transportation	4,169.45	1,196.70	1,181.30	445.75
Janitor's Services	3,197.64	1,100.00	1,100.00	356.10
Fuel and Light	5,224.79	1,723.59	1,934.19	1,689.64
Maintenance of Buildings				
Grounds	1,061.19	371.59	408.16	297.21
Repairs	376.42	198.94	637.24	220.78
Special Repairs				1,803.27
Special Wenimisset Repairs				
Music, Manual Training				
Drawing	630.14	576.58	530.01	544.44
Commercial	7,410.50			
Furniture and Furnishings	32.70	14.90	223.16	507.14
Other Expenses	2,370.60	1,441.33	317.12	710.17
Day Schools,	\$47,252.57	\$18,264.79	\$20,397.70	\$16,165.64
Americanization				
Continuation				
Average Membership	271.55	268.59	413.41	213.10
Cost per Pupil, based				
average membership	\$174.01	\$68.00	\$49.34	\$75.86

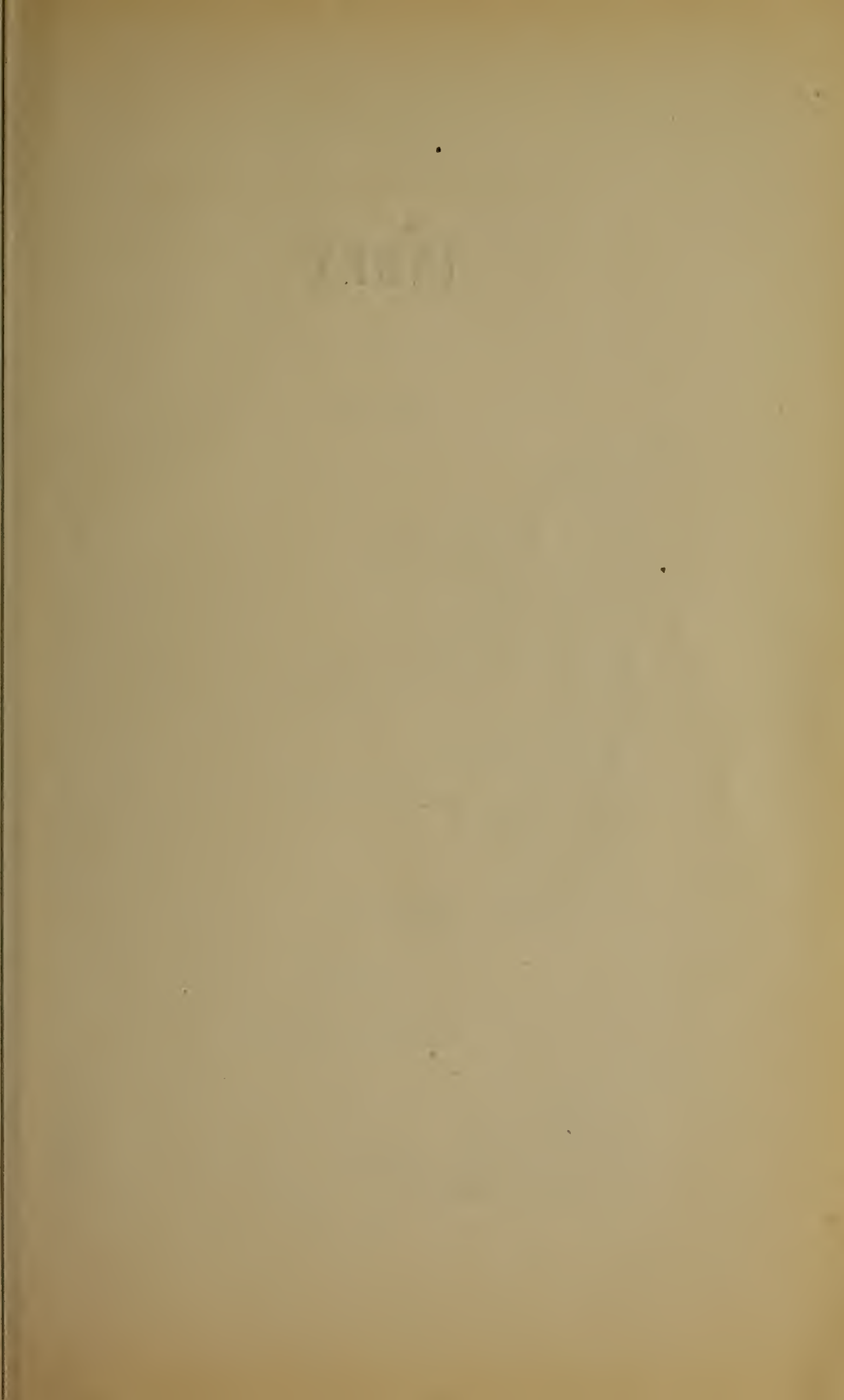
In addition, \$292.74, a Federal Grant, was expended on Continuation School.

Wenimisset	Thorndike	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Ttoal
\$ 52.65	\$ 40.19	\$ 62.05	\$ 36.94	\$ 7,901.38	\$ 8,398.63
7,017.29	10,641.26	17,020.14	7,390.35		94,315.32
700.17	710.64	1,039.19	171.46		8,147.72
246.90	289.50	476.50	1,945.50		9,951.60
355.00	890.92	1,100.00	375.00		8,474.66
830.27	1,489.36	2,024.02	880.60		15,796.46
279.01	238.59	380.06	144.46		3,180.27
595.86	617.76	882.20	319.33		3,848.53
	2,000.10		317.12		4,120.49
4,590.60					4,590.60
357.98	730.27	731.90	412.42		4,513.74
					7,410.50
135.00	219.21	395.48			1,527.59
512.80	602.52	628.11	226.68		6,809.33
15,673.53	\$18,470.32	\$24,739.65	\$12,219.86	\$ 7,901.38	\$181,085.44
					2,085.70
					6,299.22
					\$189,470.36
135.01	275.85	383.58	145.16	2,106.25	2,106.25
\$116.09	\$66.96	\$64.50	\$84.18	\$3.75	\$85.98

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1925

General Expenses	\$ 8,310.00	\$ 8,398.63	\$ -88.63
Teachers' Salaries	95,833.50	94,315.32	1,518.18
Textbooks and Supplies	7,000.00	8,147.72	-1,147.72
Transportation	10,200.00	9,951.60	248.40
Janitor's Services	8,175.00	8,474.66	-299.66
Fuel and Light	15,700.00	15,796.46	-96.46
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	2,200.00	3,180.27	-980.27
Repairs	3,000.00	3,848.53	-848.53
Special Repairs	4,477.28	4,120.49	356.79
Special Wenimissett Repairs	4,500.00	4,590.60	-90.60
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	4,250.00	4,513.74	-263.74
Commercial	8,150.00	7,410.50	739.50
Furniture and Furnishings,	1,500.00	1,527.59	-27.59
Other Expenses	6,989.22	6,809.33	179.89
Continuation	7,215.00	6,299.22	915.78
Americanization	2,000.00	2,085.70	-85.70
	\$189,500.00	\$189,470.36	\$ 29.64
Smith-Hughes Fund	*292.74	*292.74	\$ 0.00
	\$189,792.74	\$189,763.10	\$ 29.64

\*This \$292.74 is a Federal grant from the Smith-Hughes Fund, which cannot be turned into the Town Treasury, but must be added to the regular school appropriation and expended for Continuation School salaries.



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